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Clinton praises Albright's 'small steps' PM awaits court decision

Clinton praises Albright's 'small steps'

By HILLEL KUTTLER
 WASHINGTON - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright did a "superb job" handling a "very difficult circumstance" during her visit last week to the Middle East, President Bill Clinton said yesterday.
 In his first comments since her return, Clinton said Albright perfectly summed up the state of affairs when she said she had achieved only "small steps" when what was needed was for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to make bolder moves.
 "Secretary Albright distilled in that one phrase where I think we are," he said.
 Clinton said that he, Albright and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger were "putting our heads together" and "doing everything we can to keep pushing this."
 "I have seen some encouraging things in the last couple of days, that all the parties realize that they have special responsibilities to get this thing back on track," Clinton told reporters during an announcement of a US decision not to sign a treaty banning land mines. "And we're going to look at our options and do everything we can."
 Clinton did not elaborate on what he saw as signs of encouragement. But administration officials pointed to Albright's citing of reports that

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Israel and the Palestinians had improved their security cooperation, and that Israel had partly returned tax and customs revenues it withheld from the Palestinians, and had eased a closure imposed in the wake of the Mahaneh Yehuda and Ben-Yehuda Street suicide bombings.
 Clinton reiterated that the United States would not seek to impose a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying that they "have to have the vision and the courage and the strength" to make peace.
 But he said the US would do all it could to enable success and "protect them from the downsides if they do take risks for peace."
 Meanwhile, State Department spokesman James Rubin said the US saw the Ras al-Amud controversy as a "lightning rod for increased tensions" and has made its views "very clear" to Israel.
 He also rebuked Irving Moskowitz, the American who purchased the homes, for "interfering with" the peace process.
 "Those who support these actions, promote these actions, or otherwise are involved with these actions are harming the peace process, therefore harming the State of Israel," Rubin said.
 "We are pleased that the government of Prime Minister Netanyahu seems to understand the risks associated with this kind of project, and they oppose this kind of project," he said.



American millionaire Irving Moskowitz leaves the Ras al-Amud buildings he owns, after visiting with the Jewish residents there yesterday. (Reuters)

Netanyahu said ready to evict families from Ras al-Amud

By JAY BUSHINSKY and ELLI WOHLGELER
 Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is determined to evict the Jews at Ras al-Amud by force if necessary, but prefers to wait for today's decision by the High Court of Justice on the legality of their presence there, a senior government official said.
 Moskowitz's petition to the High Court asked for an interim injunction against any plan by the government to have police forcibly evict the legal tenants.
 Disclosing Netanyahu's firm position yesterday, the official said he believes the festering dispute over the three families in question and their right to move into the all-Arab area opposite the Mount of Olives "does no one any good."
 "The government won't allow them to stay," the official went on. "If they don't move out, force will be used." However, he did not rule out the possibility that a new compromise may be emerging.
 Irving Moskowitz, the Florida millionaire who owns 3.5 acres in Ras al-Amud, met for two hours last night with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who tried to persuade him to compromise and have the settlers leave voluntarily, in exchange for a recognition in principle that they have a right to live in Ras al-Amud.
 "We didn't come to a solution," said Moskowitz, adding that he expects "the Arab neighbors of ours will respect us, and we will respect them likewise."
 Moskowitz said he planned to build a baby clinic for Arabs on another plot of land he owns. "Our projects that we are going to develop will include a well-baby clinic for Arab children, and that will be sponsored by me and the municipality of Jerusalem. Just as in any democratic country people of different races and religions and nationalities live together, we expect to do the same [here]," he said.
 Kahalani and Moskowitz said they would meet again on the issue.
 Earlier in the day, the two men paid separate visits to the site at Ras al-Amud. Moskowitz was accompanied by former chief rabbi Abraham Shapira and MK Benny Elon.
 The prime minister evidently

Eisenberg: Let's put end to feud

Globes Business News
 Erwin Eisenberg made a surprise return to Israel yesterday to attend a hearing about his late father's will, hoping that the family feud which followed Shoul Eisenberg's death could be resolved amicably.
 "Peace and order should reign in the family," said Eisenberg, arriving at the Tel Aviv District Court. "I am obliged to be here to start the process."
 During the hearing, the estate executives demanded more cooperation from Eisenberg.
 Eisenberg flew in from Beijing and was scheduled to fly back last night.
 He is expected to give the Tel Aviv District Court a deposition within two weeks that will include information about his father's assets at the time of his death.
 The list will also include details on property his father held, directly or indirectly, to which the younger Eisenberg claims he has personal rights, such as controlling shares in the Israel Corporation.

The heir said that he wants the family rather than the courts to determine who will run the family empire.
 Nobody can feel good about the fact that these affairs are being conducted in court, and the family members should unite, he said.
 "We must achieve good relations," said Eisenberg. "Whatever is done through the court is not good. We must reach a compromise. It is imperative for our honor, for business and for my father's name."
 Shoul's death in March sparked a dirty family feud that dredged up questions about the legitimacy of his will and his faithfulness to his wife, Leah.
 The original copy of the newest will could not be found. However, earlier press reports indicated that Eisenberg bequeathed 80 percent of his property to Erwin and completely deprived his estranged daughter Esther of any inheritance. The remaining 20% was to be evenly distributed among another three daughters, and the widower of a fourth.



Erwin Eisenberg (David Rubinger)

A-G: Legal eviction from Ras al-Amud possible

By BATSHEVA TSUR
 The High Court is to hear a petition today by American businessman Irving Moskowitz, who is demanding a temporary injunction to prevent any attempt by the government to evict the Jewish residents of the buildings he owns in Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud, saying that such an act would be "illegal and most unreasonable."
 But Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said that there are legal ways to evict the settlers under certain stringent conditions.
 If there was reasonable certainty that public order would be disturbed or public security endangered, the authorities could have prevented the settlers from entering the houses in Ras al-Amud, Rubinstein said, in the legal opinion he presented to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.
 Once the buildings have been occupied, the decisive factor with regard to eviction is the assessment by the police and other security forces that there is near certainty that

public order will be disturbed or public security harmed.
 The security of the public, the security of those who claim rights to the property, the security of the policemen and the need to allocate forces to the area which are needed elsewhere, have to be considered, in addition to other factors, Rubinstein said.
 His opinion was submitted to Netanyahu during consultations at the Prime Minister's Office on Sunday night and later, in greater detail, on Tuesday night. Rubinstein published the legal opinion yesterday.
 He stressed that the danger to public security was meant in the widest sense. In that case, the authorities were obliged to prevent the owners from taking possession of their property, Rubinstein stressed.
 "This point - that is, the interpretation of the phrase 'near certainty' - is not confined merely to the site under discussion but also refers to other places in the widest of connotations," Rubinstein wrote.
 Rubinstein also pointed out that the OC

Home Front Command had the authority to declare any area he deemed fit for security reasons a closed area and that in such a case, no one would be permitted to enter it.
 However, he ruled out the need at this stage to invoke legislation to expropriate the property. Rubinstein also noted that it is still possible to use statutory means to prevent building at the site.
 It became clear that there would be no compromise yesterday when Moskowitz and nine people renting the property from him petitioned the High Court of Justice against eviction. Justice Theodor Or is due to hear the petition this morning at 8.
 There is no real evidence, the petitioners say, to prove that their presence in the Arab neighborhood poses a risk to public security. Moskowitz says that the property was bought legally from its Arab owners and that eviction would be an infringement of his rights of ownership. His purchase contracts are attached to the petition.
 The petition, filed against Netanyahu,

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, and police Insp.-Gen Assaf Hefetz, asks the court to recognize that any attempt to evict the settlers would be "illegal and most unreasonable."
 The present unrest in the neighborhood, it claims, will stop after a few days and the authorities should not be intimidated "by terrorist threats."
 Moskowitz's lawyers, Dan Avi-Yitzhak and Eitan Geva, argue furthermore that eviction would be a racist act, since the settlers would be evicted solely on the grounds that they are Jewish. The petitioners also ask the court to act against a decision not to allow more people to join the settlement, saying this is also illegal.
 While the authorities have not yet decided whether or not the settlement should be disbanded for endangering public security, a Jerusalem lawyer yesterday pointed out that there is already a precedent to this effect.
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Health Ministry, FDA recall two diet drugs Israel, US won't sign anti-land mine treaty

By JUDY SIEGEL
 Popular diet drugs taken by several million Americans and 1,500 to 2,500 Israelis have been taken off pharmacy shelves here and abroad. The drugs, generically known as fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine, are suspected by the US Food and Drug Administration of causing defects in the heart valves of some obese patients who took them.
 The unusual FDA recall two days ago - the first drug is on the market since 1973 and the other since last year - led the Health Ministry to make a similar move.
 Dr. Yair Gabor of Abic, the local importer, said yesterday that anyone with packages of fenfluramine tablets (commercially known as Ponderax) or slow-release capsules (Ponderax Pacaps) should bring them, sealed or opened, back to their pharmacy for a refund.
 The ministry has also barred pharmacists from preparing the drugs from raw materials.
 Dexfenfluramine, which is sold in

the US as Redux, was never approved for sale here. At least three deaths linked to the medications, marketed by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, have been reported in the US. The drugs have been prescribed to obese Americans in combination with phentermine, which may still be sold here but is much less effective on its own. The combination is known as Fen-Phen. According to Health Ministry pharmacist Rabel Gutman, Fen-Phen is not banned in Israel although it is not a widely accepted treatment.
 The FDA examined a report in July from the Mayo Clinic that said 24 cases of a rare disease of the heart valves had been detected in patients taking the diet drugs. Since then, 66 more cases of heart valve

abnormalities were reported in the US, but the patients did not suffer characteristic symptoms, such as shortness of breath, palpitations, extreme fatigue, swelling of legs and heart murmurs. The FDA also declared there was no evidence that phentermine was unsafe.
 The diet drugs affect the neurotransmitter serotonin in the brain, which is believed to influence how satisfied people feel after eating.
 Dr. Earl Harow, a US-born general practitioner who has treated 70 to 80 obese patients in his Jerusalem clinic since January with fenfluramine, said he would immediately stop prescribing it.
 He said that "the decision to recall was correct, given the fact that a significant number of patients who

took them [the drugs] had signs of heart valve problems, even if most were without symptoms."
 Harow hoped that other diet drugs in the pipeline would be available soon. "Doctors who treat obesity - not five or 10 extra kilos but a body-mass index of 30 or more - are saddened to see patients struggle with their weight. In the US alone, 300,000 people die of obesity each year."
 "The fenfluramine gave patients a feeling of satiety for the first time in their lives; they were then able to change their lifestyles, exercise and observe a healthier diet," he said.
 Both Harow and Gabor said they knew of no heart-valve complications among Israeli patients who took the drugs.

tion of the anti-mine pact to conditions which "ensure the protection of Israeli forces operating in areas of armed conflict."
 Israel's position thus coincides with that of the US, although for different reasons.
 A draft of the treaty was approved yesterday by more than 100 countries.
 The US did not sign the pact either. President Bill Clinton reportedly might have approved the pact had it allowed time to phase out the mines planted in the Korean peninsula's demilitarized zone.
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Schwartz questioned about his disappearance

Yaakov Schwartz the 63-year-old Bnei Brak man found tied up in a burning abandoned building in Ashkelon Friday after he was feared kidnapped, was questioned by police under caution yesterday.

The police chief for Lachish region Asst.-Cmdr. Moshe Kradi said that Schwartz was being questioned about statements he made after his disappearance.

Kradi refused comment on reports that Schwartz may have staged his own abduction. Police are also awaiting the results of laboratory tests to shed light on the probe. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Reprimand Lieberman for anti-police remark

Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman should be reprimanded for publicly criticizing the police in a Channel 2 interview earlier this year. This was the opinion submitted to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander and State Attorney Edna Arbel.

The official responsible for discipline in the civil service concluded that Lieberman's remarks, in which he said a police inquiry against him was racially and politically motivated, were insulting to the police and constituted a disciplinary violation. *Itin*

Woman dies in three-car crash

A woman was killed and three people were injured when three cars crashed yesterday afternoon on the road between the Golan and Kadurim intersections, near the entrance to Iabun village.

One vehicle strayed from its lane and collided with two cars traveling in the opposite direction. The victims were rushed to Poriya Hospital in Tiberias. Valley District Police yesterday were investigating how the collision occurred. *Itin*

Red Skelton dead at 84

Red Skelton, a television comic who delighted TV audiences for 20 years, died yesterday. He was 84.

The entertainer, known for his soft hat, unruly hair, crossed eyes and goofy, twisted grin died at a hospital in Rancho Mirage, California. He had been ill for a long time, but the nature of the illness was not disclosed.

"I don't want to be called 'the greatest' or 'one of the greatest'; let other guys claim to be the best," Skelton once said. "I just want to be known as a clown because to me that's the height of my profession. It means you can do everything - sing, dance, and above all, make people laugh."

Each of his shows concluded with his trademark line: "Good night, and God bless." *AP*

Arafat warns of negative reaction to Ras al-Amud

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat broke several days of silence yesterday on the Ras al-Amud crisis and warned that unless the Jewish families are removed from the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood Israel will face a "harsh response."

"We are talking about a grave act," Arafat told a news conference in Gaza. "This is a clear violation of what was agreed upon."

"We hope it will be solved very quickly. Otherwise, it will be a very negative reaction," he said in English, without elaborating.

Arafat's warning came after he was briefed on Ras al-Amud by Faisal Hussein, the PA minister responsible for Jerusalem. PA officials said the episode is emerging as a crisis in relations with Israel although they stressed that they don't want an explosion of violence. Later, Hussein said that Arafat rejected any compromise that would allow Jews to remain in the building.

Aides to Arafat stressed that the PA will not accept any solution

that maintains a Jewish presence in the building. This, in contrast to the compromise sought by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that seeks to remove the Jewish families but maintain the building in Jewish ownership.

Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani said the PA will act in every possible way to press for the removal of the Jews. "The results of this provocative settlement will fall on the head of the [Israeli] government," he said. "It is responsible for this. The situation can deteriorate to a dangerous low from which there is no return."

Local Council Minister Saeb Erekat agreed. He said the Israeli attempt to solve the Ras al-Amud crisis is "absolutely unacceptable."

We hope Netanyahu will evacuate these settlers because the relations between the PA and Israel are already very complicated and this new development can destroy the peace efforts."

A Communications Minister Imad Falouji said that Ras al-Amud will lead to an "explosion and destroy the efforts of [US Secretary of State Madeleine] Albright to advance the peace

process. He called on Netanyahu to deal as harshly with the organizers of Ras al-Amud as he is demanding that Arafat treat Islamic militants.

Israeli security sources said they don't believe that Arafat will order massive violence in the wake of the Albright visit. But they acknowledged that unless the crisis is resolved the tensions could escalate from the Palestinian demonstrations last night to terrorism.

The PA continued to escalate its rhetoric against Ras al-Amud.

Palestinian newspapers and radio placed the issue on the top of their agenda. The PA-operated Voice of Palestine broadcast frequent live reports from the building now occupied by the Jewish families.

PA officials said the Ras al-Amud crisis threatens to overshadow the resumption of US-sponsored peace negotiations scheduled for next week in Washington. Erekat said that so far Israeli and the Palestinian representatives are not discussing ways to resume the peace process or setting dates for meetings between senior officials.

Shas condemns Ras al-Amud move

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and Itin

Shas Party leaders joined the opposition yesterday in condemning the movement of Jews into Ras al-Amud, calling it a "provocation of gentiles" that could lead to attacks.

Shas' spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef published a statement via Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri, saying the Ras al-Amud action "could incite an already volatile situation in Jerusalem and was totally unnecessary," Channel 1 reported.

Shas radio stations echoed the criticism, and Yated Ne'eman, the organ of Rabbi Eliezer Schach, editorialized yesterday that the "right wingers' claim that they are defying the sovereignty of Jerusalem is nothing more than an attempt to ignite an explosive and destroy all chances for the political process."

In a seaside demonstration in Tel Aviv, Labor youth wading in the water with safety vests held posters saying "Netanyahu, we will not let hope drown."

MK Nissim Zvili of Labor called for the expulsion of American millionaire Irving Moskowitz, who bankrolled the movement of settlers into the Arab neighborhood.

Zvili alleged that Moskowitz's activities endangered public safety and state security.

"Moskowitz's irresponsible initiative is damaging security and may lead Israel to a blood bath," he said. "Such a man must not be

allowed to remain here." Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid, however, thought Moskowitz should be barred from leaving the country. He should "stay here and eat the broth he has spoiled for us. He must not be allowed to escape when the fire spreads and starts burning everything."

Sarid also accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of knowing about and coordinating the settler action in Ras al-Amud. He said that a so-called compromise being drawn up to resolve the crisis which would leave Jews in the area, was "not a compromise but a conspiracy."

Labor's Knesset faction chairman Ra'anana Cohen demanded an urgent convening of the Knesset's State Control Committee to examine how the decision was made to allow Jews into Ras al-Amud.

MK Shlomo Ben-Ami of Labor, said "Netanyahu has ridden on the back of a tiger to power, and now he cannot tame the beast," referring to what he called "a broad front of extremists, who, if there had not been the Ras al-Amud incident, would have found another way to sabotage the peace process."

"Being sovereign does not mean one can do whatever one pleases, without considering the local population," he added.

Ben-Ami also suggested that Moskowitz put his money toward helping development towns struggling with unemployment.

A tale of two neighborhoods: Har Homa and Ras al-Amud

By ELLI WOHLGELERTER

There were no demonstrations yesterday at Har Homa, no screaming, no picket lines, no protest tents. It was calm and quiet, the only sound coming from the engines of a few tractors and road rollers packing down the earth.

Six months ago today, Har Homa was the political epicenter of the Arab-Israeli dispute, the day initial ground-breaking for a new neighborhood brought out hundreds of media, police and protesters.

March 18 is a memory now, as the political center moved seven kilometers north this week to Ras al-Amud, where the scene, and the political issue, is being replayed.

"The thing is," said Yossi Baumol, head of Ateret Cohanim, standing outside the Jewish house in Ras al-Amud, "the first day or two when we move in, people come from outside to make trouble, to make noise, and therefore that's what you see."

"The bottom line is, when it's all over and everybody turns their attention to some other important issue in the eyes of the media and the people in the country, we will be here, and everything will be quiet." Like Har Homa yesterday. There was no noise, but plenty of construction.

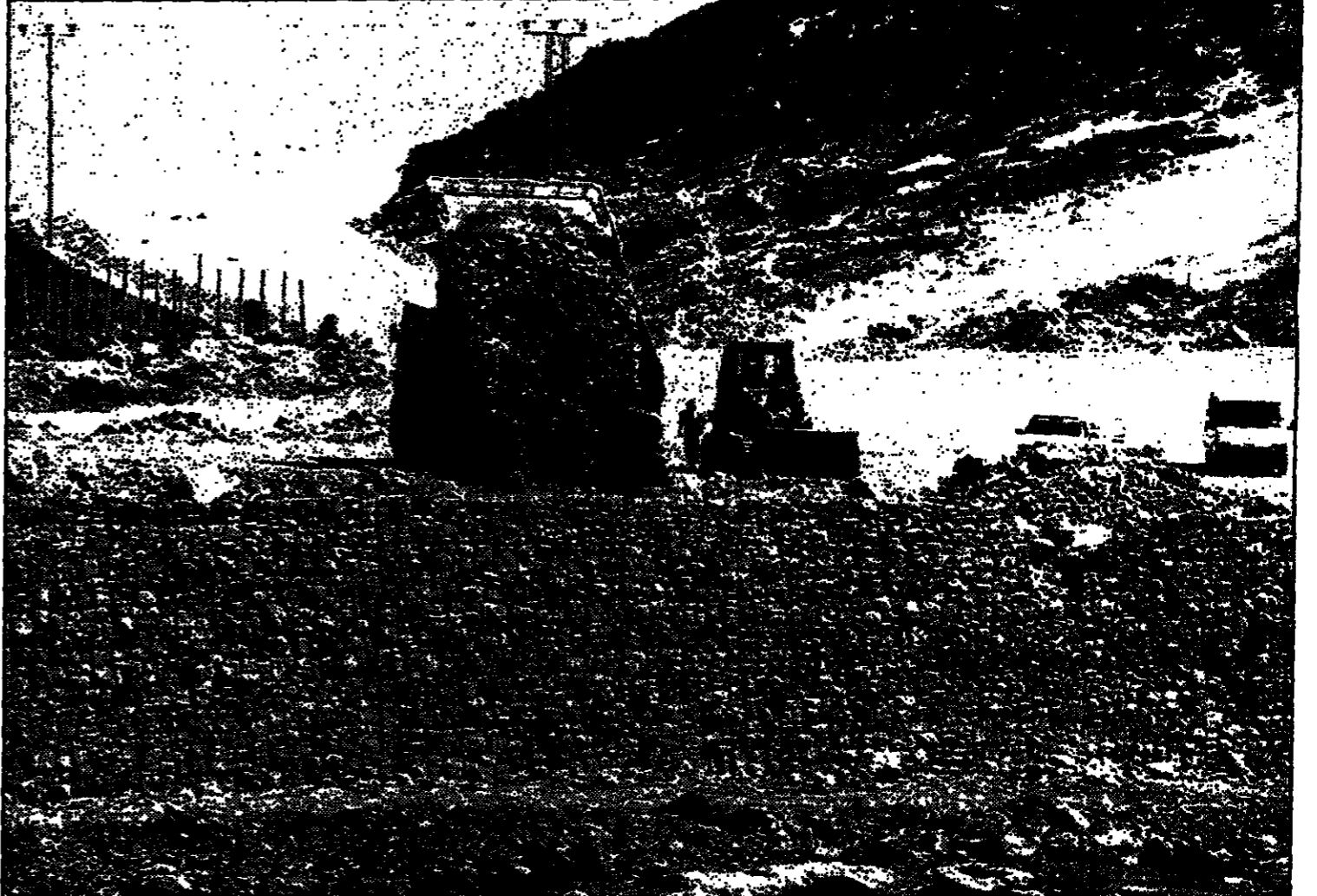
Sections of 15 roads have been cut out of the hill, and the first stage of construction, the laying of the infrastructure, is almost complete.

"We've finishing our work on the pipes and drainage system," said Shalom, a work foreman on the site. "Last week they started with the electricity and phone lines, and within two weeks we're going to start laying the asphalt." He said that asphalt the whole road network up and down the mountain, which probably adds up to four kilometers of street, is scheduled to be finished by Yom Kippur.

"After that, it's ready for the contractors to come in and start with the buildings," Shalom said.

There was no construction at Ras al-Amud yesterday, but there was plenty of noise. Visitors came to show support, while members of Peace Now maintained their tent vigil in protest throughout the day.

When a group of 30 members of Women in Green showed up and started singing "Am Yisrael Hai,"



A truck dumps stones and gravel on Har Homa yesterday. The work goes on as the protests have shifted to Ras al-Amud. (Isaac Harari)

a Palestinian woman started screaming right alongside them.

"I was born here in Ras al-Amud, my parents were born here, my grandparents were born here and my great-grandparents were born here," shouted Naja Ayed, the proprietor of a nearby tile company. "These people are disrupting my business, and my life too."

"Go back to Brooklyn," shouted another Palestinian. "You're making our lives miserable."

Inside the Jewish house, the talk was about political discussions taking place around the city, and the situation remained fluid all day: Would the residents be forced to leave? Was there a compromise solution whereby yeshiva students

could stay but families could not?

Would they have to leave now but be allowed to return in three months or six? Would the attorney-general or the High Court intervene? Would the pushing and shoving outside spill over into the compound?

All day the rumors circulated, fed by radio reports that changed with the sound of the news beep at the top of each passing hour.

For the Jewish residents and their supporters, the rumor mill made no difference: there was no possibility of leaving.

"One cannot make concessions on your capital city," said Nadia Matar, head of Women in Green. "There is no concession, there's

not going to be a concession, because if we make a concession in Jerusalem, then there will come a day when we will have to be kicked out of Tel Aviv and then New York."

Every argument made by the Left was rejected out of hand, like the danger the move posed to the residents of Jerusalem, who now face the possibility of another terrorist attack.

"There was a bomb in the middle of Jerusalem, in the middle of Tel Aviv," said Rabbi Haim Druckman, head of Yeshivat Ohr Etzion, and one of the leading rabbis in the religious Zionist movement. "Those who don't want us don't want us anywhere. And we

are not going to give in."

Even the notion that the government can invoke the issue of public security and safety to remove the Jewish tenants was protested.

"If you're going to start with that there's no end to it," said Eve Harow, a political activist and council member from Efrat. "What that does is give an invitation to the Arabs to start rioting, because then they know that the government will always invoke public safety and security, and will pull the Jews out."

By the end of the day there was no final decision, no compromise reached, and the sound and fury, like at Har Homa six months ago, continued.

EVICITION

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In 1991, when Jewish families went to settle in Silwan, then attorney-general Yosef Harish ruled that the police are not merely permitted, but rather perhaps obliged, to prevent the realization of such property rights if public safety is endangered," attorney Danny Zeidman told Israel Radio.

Harish himself spoke on Israel Radio on Tuesday to that effect. Saying that Moskowitz's actions could lead to "a most serious conflagration," even though he has a legal deed to the properties, Zeidman said: "It is like someone saying that he has a box of matches and so he is free to set things on fire."

There are additional aspects to be considered, including public safety near the site which, he said, has already been endangered.

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at the expense of maintaining order around Jerusalem. He added that the presence of the Peace Now tent is what is keeping Palestinians from rioting.

Moskowitz's High Court petition was filed amid warnings by security officials of widespread Palestinian riots should the Jewish residents remain in the predominantly Arab neighborhood.

Yesterday afternoon, scores of Palestinians hurled stones and marched toward the Jewish buildings in protest, but were pushed back by riot police who clubbed and beat protesters. Two policemen and five Palestinians were injured, and four Palestinians and two supporters of the settlers were arrested.

Over 800 Peace Now activists gathered at the site to demonstrate, as a helicopter circled overhead.

The demonstrators, who held aloft signs saying "Moskowitz - How Many Wars Have You Fought Here," "Stop Israeli Terrorism" and

"Save the Peace," were joined by Palestinian leaders Faisal Hussein and Hanan Ashrawi. Chants of "Moskowitz go home" and "Bibi resign" punctuated the rally.

Reserve major-general Oren Shabor, who recently joined the Labor Party, said at the rally that the situation is extremely tense and that the danger is growing.

"If we do not solve this problem, unnecessary blood might be spilled due to what has occurred. The gov-

ernment should instruct [the police] to evict the settlers. The settlement in Ras al-Amud is a provocation that might cause bloodshed."

Itin adds: Tatiana Susskin, who allegedly drew and posted the Mohammed-as-a-pig poster in Hebron, violated the conditions of her house arrest by visiting Ras al-Amud yesterday. Jerusalem police said she will be brought to court today to face new charges.

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Five detained in Hebron rioting

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Rioting broke out in Hebron last night, with scores of Palestinians throwing stones and bottles at IDF troops in the H2 area of Hebron. The IDF Spokesman said the riots broke out after several Palestinians refused to undergo a security check at one of the army barriers. IDF troops fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters. The spokesman said five Palestinians were detained and transferred to the police for questioning. However, Palestinians claimed IDF soldiers beat up a Palestinian at the barrier until he lost consciousness. The IDF Spokesman denied the claim. Early yesterday morning the security forces arrested 17 Palestinians from the Bethlehem area who are suspected of being affiliated with Hamas. Close to midnight on Tuesday, IDF troops declared a curfew on Kafar Tekoa in Area B and arrested the Palestinians. After the arrests the security forces left the village. Since the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing on July 30, security forces have arrested over 200 Palestinians in Judea and Samaria. Also on Tuesday night, security forces discovered a rifle and a bag of bullets in a house in the village of Arabeh, in the Jenin area, the IDF Spokesman said.

Hebron: Conflicts over roadwork - but coexistence for the camera

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Despite protests from the Jewish community, work continued on Hebron's Shuhada Street yesterday. The road Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat once called the "the Champs Elysees of Hebron" was full of dust, bulldozers, policemen and soldiers. The portion currently being renovated stretches from Kikar Gross near the Avraham Avinu Quarter and runs past several Jewish buildings, including Beit Schneerson and Beit Hadassah, to Kikar Hashoter. The road was closed at both ends over three years ago, after Baruch Goldstein's Machpela Cave massacre. In April of this year, plans were drawn up for restoring Shuhada Street and the American USAID firm was called in to supervise the work, coordinating with Palestinian and Israeli authorities. The goal is to open the road to regular traffic. Hebron's Jews claim the current roadwork endangers them, and is being carried out without taking their needs into account. "The pavements are narrow, the streets are not able to take heavy traffic, and all this will be at the front doorstep of the Jewish community," said Hebron Jewish community spokesman Noam Arnon. "Where will children play? In the middle of the road where they may be run over by a car?" Arnon said the Jewish community is working on a plan to

show the authorities that involves building a bypass road for the Palestinians to use, thus preventing heavy traffic in front of the Jewish houses. "That way they will be happy and we will be safer," he said. On Sunday, when settlers attempted to disrupt the work by parking cars along the road, police towed their cars away. Three days later, IDF soldiers and Hebron settlers were haggling over centimeters. Outside Beit Schneerson, Arnon pointed to the sidewalk. "No one will be able to walk here; it's too narrow," he said. Metal stakes freshly set in cement jut out in the middle of the planned sidewalk. Arnon pointed again: "Yesterday they said that the sidewalk would end where those rods are." A soldier walked up to Arnon and pointed at the red and green chalk marks indicating where the completed sidewalk will be. "Look," the soldier said, "yesterday we spoke about adding a few centimeters more to make it wider. Check now, it's at least 1.80 [meters] in width." Arnon called for a tape measure, and found the soldier was right. "It's an optical illusion but the width is according to what we agreed on yesterday. Don't take any notice of the red marks; the green marks are the ones to go by." Shooting from a different angle was controversial Italian photographer Oliviero Toscani, who



Photographer Oliviero Toscani shoots pictures of Palestinian photographer Nasser Shiyukhi (right) and Israeli photographer Shuror Abbady, as they pose in the Hebron market yesterday. Toscani is photographing a new Benetton catalogue that will show coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis as they work together in their daily lives.

was in Hebron yesterday to take photographs for a new Benetton catalogue. Toscani was keen to focus his lens on Jews and Arabs working side by side. While onlookers gawked, Toscani posed Palestinian Nasser

Shiyukhi and Israeli Sharon Abbady in front of a 30-meter wire fence erected to keep stones and firebombs hurled by Palestinian protesters from flying into Israeli-ruled parts of the city.

"We're not looking for anything sensational. They're just two friends doing the same work on opposite sides," said Toscani. Back on Shuhada Street, it was work as usual. "All the politicians who visited

Hebron agreed the road plans endanger our security and safety. They agreed to help us and assured us that something would be done, and then they went home and did nothing," charged Arnon.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARON

Controversy over the Jewish settler moves on Ras al-Amud preoccupied Hebrew press commentators, providing an assortment of opinions. "They [Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Mayor Ehud Olmert] thought that they control Moskowiz, but this week they have realized that the Moskowitzes control them," states *Yediot Aharonot's* Nahum Barnea. He adds that this event proves Netanyahu's weakness. "No one knows what he really wants and why. Yesterday, at Ras al-Amud both 'Peace Now' demonstrators and right wing settlers denounced Netanyahu." Chemi Shalev of *Ma'ariv* asserts that "eviction of Jews who legally bought property in Ras al-Amud is Netanyahu's worst nightmare." He adds that an eviction may shake the whole political system and the foundations of the coalition. If, on the other hand, Netanyahu does not act, the public will think he is submissive and leaders worldwide will think he is not a serious leader. B. Michael in *Yediot* questions the need to settle next to the Mount of Olives. Despite the fact that it is a prestigious place to be buried, he adds, "it is a place which served our forefathers for pagan worship, and continues to do so, only the pagans have changed." He claims that no one is decent enough to admit that the

purpose of the invasion is to provoke and thwart any prospect of peace. "What should have been taken for granted and regarded as natural is interpreted as provocative," writes Nadav Shragai for *Ha'aretz*. He adds that the government's responsibility is carried out by a number of passionate people. "If they didn't exist, the government would have had to invent them." **Economic upheaval** *Yediot Aharonot* exposes the Defense Ministry's and PM Office's plan to privatize Israeli defense industries. Gideon Eshet of *Yediot Aharonot* states that the timing of the news is problematic. "The discussions concerning privatization are in the midst of a quarrel between the government and the Histadrut. As of today, Amir Peretz and company are 'equipped' with several thousand more employees," he writes. Privatization does not necessarily create new jobs; often the companies cut back on manpower, writes *Yediot's* Sever Plotzker in light of the growing unemployment rate, which reached a new record of 147,000 during August, and is expanding throughout the country. He adds that Netanyahu's attack on the previous government, claiming it is responsible for the

recession, is not admissible. "The excuse he uses for security problems is unacceptable in economic issues." Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak's remark this week that Israeli society shows symptoms of weariness, reflects what most people feel but do not express, claims Haim Hanegbi in *Ma'ariv*. "Although equipped with the best weapons in the world, Israel '97 is like a blind man in the mist, learning that strength is not eternal," Sever Plotzker in *Yediot* rejects the gloomy scenario. "Israeli society has patience of iron and nerves of steel. It is strong and far from breakdown." He adds that he is waiting for the day when the Chief of Staff takes responsibility for failure in Lebanon and stops inflicting false accusations of weariness on the public. **Pro-criticism** *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid refers to Supreme Court President Aharon Barak's comment in his speech before the judge nomination committee, where he claimed that the criticism by the media of the judicial system in matters not within its expertise is unfitting in a democracy. "If not in a democracy then where else?" asks Lapid. "If only righteous people were to have freedom of expression, there would be silence in the world."

UN focuses on internal reform and finances at 52nd GA

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The UN this week opened the 52nd session of the General Assembly on an inward-looking note, absorbed with matters that are of little concern to Israel. "From the standpoint of other missions to the UN, there are much larger issues than the issues we normally deal with, such as reform of the UN, and will the UN have enough money to continue?" said Dore Gold, the new Israeli ambassador to the UN. "But from our perspective, we see the UN largely reflecting what's going on" in the region. Although "certain parties" bring the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the UN, "it is our judgment that if the world community is interested in seeing this [peace] process work, the best way of doing so is to keep the center of gravity in the region, not here at the United Nations," Gold said. However, he said, the international community must state its rejection of violence. "There are hard, murky ethnic conflicts in the post-Cold War era

that require a certain fundamental code of conduct to resolve them," Gold said in his Second Avenue office. "The central pillar of that code

by the world community, then I am very pessimistic about creating a new world order in the post-Cold War era." The previous session of the UN saw numerous Security Council and General Assembly debates attacking the opening of the second entrance of the Western Wall tunnel in Jerusalem and plans for construction at Har Homa. The assembly also took the extraordinary step of convening a "special emergency session" to condemn Israel over Har Homa. In the new session, the UN is expected to focus on a number of reform proposals and its financial crisis. The United States, the most forceful member of the UN, is also its largest debtor, owing the UN as much as \$1.5 billion. Apart from money, the significant issue is the expansion of the 15-member Security Council. The US has proposed adding five new permanent members: Japan, Germany and three developing countries. It is not clear whether the new members would have the veto power that now is limited to the current permanent members: the US, Britain, France, Russia and China. The expansion is

opposed by Italy, which does not want to be excluded from a council seat. Israel sits on the sidelines of the Security Council proposal because it is ineligible to hold one of the non-permanent council seats. Those seats are apportioned by the regional groups, which has the effect of blocking Israeli participation because Israel is excluded from its regional bloc, the Arab Group. Jerusalem has been seeking admission, on a temporary basis, to the "Western European and Others" group. The 52nd assembly could be "a watershed session" in which members would have the chance to revitalize the UN, said Hennadiy Udovenko of Ukraine, who was elected president of the assembly. Udovenko, a career diplomat who had been Ukraine's foreign minister, was a UN envoy from 1985 to 1992, serving as vice-chairman of the UN Special Committee against Apartheid. He also participated in the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.



UN envoy Dore Gold (David Rubinger)

of conduct is that violence cannot be an accepted means for advancement of negotiations, no matter how big the differences are. If that pillar is not accepted

LAND MINE

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Clinton also sought an exception for US mines that protect anti-tank mines, Reuters reported from Oslo. "No one should expect our people to expose our armed forces to unacceptable risks," the president said. But Clinton said the DMZ mines

are needed to protect against a North Korean invasion of South Korea. Russia and China also are unwilling to endorse the anti-mine treaty. The Oslo delegates are due to reconvene today to adopt a draft which will be submitted to them for signature in December. "We have contributed financial aid to mine awareness projects in

Angola, and we are evaluating the possibilities of using Israeli expertise in mine clearance around the world," Bentsur said. In a similar vein, Clinton cited his record on land mines, saying the US called for global elimination in 1994 and spent millions of dollars to remove mines around the world. Bentsur said Israel supports a gradual process in which each

state will undertake to cease proliferation of anti-personnel land mines, accept restrictions on possible use and - once circumstances permit - ban the production and use of anti-personnel mines. The drive for banning land mines has taken on emotional momentum since the death of Princess Diana, who had taken up the cause.

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Yonina Jacobs, M.A., B.S.S.H., clinical psychologist, healer, and gifted therapist, has taught, lectured, and consulted extensively with groups and individuals in the U.S., Europe and Israel for nineteen years. "Healing means to make whole," says Jacobs. "Our bodies have a marvelous built-in healing system with the ability to search out, diagnose and produce the pharmaceuticals necessary to heal. But sometimes we get so out of balance that the system can't work as it should. We, as healers, try to restore the ability of the body to do the work it was designed to do."

Jacobs says: "Healing is as old as the planet. Our planet is electromagnetic in nature and everything alive on the planet has an electromagnetic field in and around it. We are all healers in that we are constantly transferring and transmitting energy; it is not really possible to teach healing. The School of Healing was established to teach people how to learn healing. Anyone can learn to use loving energy if they have an open heart and open mind."

The course is an intensive one year course from November to September and consists of 373 hours taught in small classes in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in English or in Hebrew. It includes Chai Gong, a type of meditative movement: "We must know how to feel the flow of energies in our own body before we can expect to feel it in others." The students study the energy systems of the body, how they work, how they affect us and our lives and how we affect them. They study technique and get hands-on experience. They learn about the different frequencies and how to know what to run and when, when to put energy into the body and when to remove it, and so on. Basic anatomy, physiology and pathology are also taught in the course. "We work with the body, we must learn how the body works," she adds. The student receives a certificate at the end of the course. Jacobs has treated all sorts of problems, from migraines, allergies and chronic pain, to arthritis, cancer and AIDS, frequently working alongside of doctors. Her students include people from all walks of life, including doctors and nurses. Some of them are practicing healers today.

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NEWS

in brief

MKs visit elderly barricaded in absorption center

Members of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee visited the Karmiel absorption center yesterday, where elderly immigrants have barricaded themselves to press their demands for housing.

"Since no immediate solution has been found for finding housing for the elderly immigrants in the next few days, I have asked the Jewish Agency to provide the basic humane conditions for the elderly who are barricaded here, and make their stay here tolerable," committee chairman MK Naomi Blumenthal said.

Karmiel Mayor Adi Eldar said he was glad that the committee had visited, "but unfortunately I have no news for the immigrants, and we apparently will need to take more drastic action to reach a fair solution for them."

Arveh Dean Cohen

Jewish graveyard desecrated in Berlin

Unknown assailants desecrated graves in Berlin's largest Jewish cemetery in an overnight attack, German police said yesterday. Several gravestones were torn down and seriously damaged, but police said there was no evidence, such as neo-Nazi slogans or Swastikas, to suggest an antisemitic motive.

The leader of Berlin's Jewish community, Andreas Nachama, who visited the cemetery, said the attack was an outrage even if it turned out to be an act of vandalism.

Reuters

Switzerland names Meed to replace Bronfman

The Swiss government yesterday approved the replacement of World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman on the board to distribute aid to needy Holocaust survivors.

The Federal Council accepted Bronfman's decision to step down, and his nomination of Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, as his successor on the board which distributes \$190 million to needy survivors. Switzerland said it awaited the naming of a replacement for Meed on another advisory board called the Special Fund Council which helps war survivors.

AP

Respecting others to be school-year theme

"The Right to Respect and the Duty to Respect Others" will be the special topic taught in the nation's schools during the 1998-99 school year, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer announced yesterday. The ministry will prepare educational material on the subject during this year.

This year's topic is 50 years since the establishment of the state, and last year's was 100 years of Zionism.

Arveh Dean Cohen

PM's prize for computer scientist awarded

Weizmann Institute Prof. David Harel and Prof. Ya'acov Schweike, a renowned lexicographer, yesterday received the Prime Minister's Prize for Computer Programming at a ceremony in the Knesset auditorium. Harel created a new and original computer language based on visual structures, meant to provide clear, exact and intuitive descriptions of the behavior of complex systems. As a result, computer scientists around the world have adopted his idea. Schweike, the author of Rav Milim (a Hebrew-Hebrew dictionary), adapted his work to multimedia. The Center for Educational Technology in Ramat Aviv has produced two CD-ROMs, one for all ages and a multimedia effort for children and teenagers who want to understand Hebrew words, terms and expressions.

Judy Siegel

C'tee rejects shutting ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

Science Minister Michael Eitan received no support from the Knesset Science and Technology Committee yesterday for his proposal to shut down his ministry.

But he received a unanimous endorsement for his proposal to establish a statutory and powerful National Council for Research and Development (NCRD).

Eitan told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had in fact erred by highlighting the idea of closing the ministry while presenting plans for reorganizing national scientific research.

"I should just have spoken about the NCRD and the benefits it would bring," he said.

If the NCRD is established by Knesset vote, then it would take care of setting national science priorities and supervising research, and "everyone would realize that it is no longer necessary to have a ministry," Eitan said.

Eitan was uncomfortably without allies at the tense, three-hour committee meeting, which was chaired by Labor MK Dalia Itzik.

All those present, among them scientists and former science ministers Ze'ev Binyamin Begin and Prof. Shimon Shetreet, spoke against canceling the ministry.

They also intimated there was a connection between the NCRD proposal and Eitan's demands to fire 90 ministry employees.

President Ezer Weizman, a former science minister as well, sent a letter opposing the closing of the ministry.

A committee statement said the science ministry is a "central factor because human scientific capital, dependent on programs for basic scientific research, have no lobby or patron except for the ministry."

"I suggest a cease-fire," Eitan said after the session. "I never intended to close the ministry until legislation went through," he added. Eitan intends to continue as science minister working from the Prime Minister's Office.

Doctors continue sanctions

By JUDY SIEGEL and film

A 24-hour warning strike by public hospital and health fund doctors ends at 7 a.m., but outpatient clinics in hospitals from Hadera northward will be shut down today.

The Israel Medical Association said more sanctions would be staged next week. The doctors are protesting the Treasury's failure to start implementing an agreement to provide 360 more doctors' slots in public hospitals over the next few years.

The hospitals affected today by doctors' sanctions are Hillel Yoffe in Hadera, Ha'emek in Afula, Rambam, Bnai Zion and Carmel in Haifa, Poriya in Tiberias, Sieff in Safed and the

Nahariya Government Hospital.

Sanctions were planned today in other sectors as well.

Na'amat and WIZO day-care centers will only open at 10, and in eight cities - Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Kfar Saba, Beersheba, Neutanya, Or Yehuda, Haifa and Holon. Inspectors will not issue parking tickets.

Job actions and workers' assemblies also are planned at the Israel Electric Corp., the Public Works Department, the Defense Ministry, the Transportation Ministry, the Israel Lands Administration, the Meteorological Institute, and various municipalities and regional councils.

Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz again suggested he may call a general strike. He also told

a demonstration in Haifa.

"I feel like someone who's holding a time bomb, and if, God forbid, I release the safety catch on it, I don't know what the results will be."

The Histadrut has been protesting government plans for privatization and pension plan reforms.

The Haifa area was especially hard hit by sanctions yesterday. Trains were delayed for two hours, the port was paralyzed for several hours, and several intersections were blocked by protesters.

In the south, about 50 demonstrators laid down on a road, blocking traffic for several minutes at the Kastina junction in Kiryat Malachi, before police forced them to leave.



Architect Moshe Safdie (right) shows Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev his new design for the Holocaust memorial.

Yad Vashem going high-tech

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Yad Vashem will undergo renovations to accommodate a growing stream of visitors in a high-tech era.

Prize-winning architect Moshe Safdie has designed a dramatic wedge that will cut sharply across the mountain, and feature a huge underground exhibition center, computer stations and video theaters.

At a cost of \$50 million the "Yad Vashem 2001" project will target a young generation growing up in the computer age and "in a period in which there will be fewer living Holocaust survivors" to tell their story, Avner Shalev, Yad Vashem's chairman, said yesterday.

Shalev also noted a tremendous increase in interest in Holocaust studies, and the museum's increasing popularity, with nearly 1.4 million people having visited in the past year.

Explaining his design at a news conference yesterday, Safdie said he had sought a "non-building" kind of structure, believing that "conventional buildings are not appropriate for telling the story of the Holocaust."

He also geared the design to enable the museum to remain open during renovations.

The design features a new entrance plaza that seeks to avoid

the appearance of a train station, and which should, according to Safdie, "separate the sacred from the profane."

In the visitors' center, 12 hollow columns will support a trellis-like roof over a 2,500 meter structure, creating the impression of a succa. Displays will tell an introductory story to Yad Vashem.

Visitors will cross a bridge on the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations before entering the actual museum, which will be shaped like a 175-meter long spine. Much of it will be underground, providing an expanded 3,000 square meters of exhibition space.

The museum will be one-way and completely linear "like the story itself - it will start somewhere and end somewhere," Safdie explained.

"It penetrates through the mountain as if it were driven through by force... it then actually goes through the mountain, with just its apex peaking through above, and as it comes to the north, to the end, it bursts out of the mountain as if ripped apart,

and opens into the light," he said.

Once through this tunnel-like museum, visitors may choose between an art gallery, a hall housing temporary exhibits, or proceed to the Hall of Remembrance or Children's Memorial.

Computer stations will offer multimedia presentations. A screening center will show documentaries or other films on request, and offer master copies of videos of tens of thousands of survivors made by Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Designers are still mulling over the shape of the museum's galleries, whether to create a hall that would give a feeling of descent into the earth or to create "almost cave-like" rooms, Safdie said.

Eli Zborowski, Chairman of the American Society for Yad Vashem which is footing a third of the renovations bill, said: "We survivors know how we were alone in the tragedy, and we want to have that period of time documented entering into the 21st century... to explain our tragedy. It is our obligation to do that."

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Two F-16 planes collide off New Jersey shore, pilots OK

By JOHN CURRAN

POMONA, New Jersey (AP) — Two F-16s carrying pilots who were training for night flying collided off the New Jersey shore, forcing two men to parachute into the Atlantic Ocean and a third to nurse his crippled plane back to land. All three were safe yesterday.

The crash Tuesday night was the fifth involving a US military aircraft in the past four days. Three crashes have been fatal.

The jets collided about 50 kilometers southeast of Atlantic City minutes after taking off from the Naval Guard base here, said Maj. Roger Pharo, an executive officer with the Air National Guard 177th Fighter Wing.

One pilot was able to keep his aircraft airborne and watch the others in the second plane parachute into the water.

Six planes searched for the pilots, who were found in rafts miles 3 kms. apart. One aided his rescue by lighting a flare; the other was located through a homing device.

They were plucked from the water by helicopter rescuers, Coast Guard Chief Thomas Peck said.

One suffered a bruised hip and gash on his head.

"He's in good shape, with the exception of the cut and the bruise and being ejected out of an aircraft at a couple hundred kilometers per hour," Peck said.

The third pilot was able to fly his severely damaged one-seat F-16 to the 177th Fighter Wing at Atlantic City International Airport, Pharo said.

"The damage on this plane was severe. It's a credit to the pilot that he could bring it home," said Lt. Col. John Dwyer, a New Jersey National Guard spokesman.

The pilots, who were not identified, were expected to be released from hospital yesterday.

A board of officers was appointed to investigate the collision and officials declined to speculate on the cause.

The pilots were being re-certified for night flying. Dwyer said it was believed that an instructor and a student were in one of the jets.

The incident comes seven months after another mishap involving two F-16 fighter pilots from the 177th Fighter Wing.

In February, two pilots tailed a civilian jetliner so closely that the passenger plane took emergency evasive action.

The encounter, off the southern New Jersey coast, involved military and civilian planes that had clearance to fly through restricted airspace.

For several minutes, the civilian pilot took the jetliner into steep dives and climbs to avoid what he

thought was a near collision with another plane in the cloudy sky. The plane had 77 passengers and a crew of seven. Two flight attendants and a passenger were thrown to the cabin floor.

The other recent crashes were:

— A Marine FA-18D Hornet fighter jet that crashed Monday off the North Carolina coast during a practice bombing run, killing both pilots.

— A Navy FA-18 fighter that crashed Sunday in Oman, killing the pilot.

— An F-117A stealth fighter that crashed during the Chesapeake Air Show in Middle River, Maryland, on Sunday. The pilot ejected safely.

— A C-141 Starlifter cargo plane from McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey that apparently collided with a German military plane off the coast of Africa on Sunday. Thirty-three people were feared killed.

Wales votes on devolution today

By LYNDSEY GRIFFITHS

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain urged the people of Wales yesterday to "go for it" and endorse historic plans to set up a devolved Welsh parliament after four centuries of direct rule from London.

The proposed assembly will be put to a referendum vote today, when Wales decides whether it wants more say over internal affairs or will let London keep calling the shots.

Polls point to a vote in favor of home rule but politicians stepped up last-ditch campaigning, knowing the battle was far from won.

"As the campaign for a 'yes' vote moves into the home straight, I am urging the people of Wales to go for it," said Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott on the campaign trail in Newport, South Wales.

"A Welsh assembly is right for Wales. It is right for education,

health, housing and jobs. A 'yes' vote tomorrow is an important step towards modernizing the government of Britain."

The referendum is part of the Labor government's pledge to reform Britain at its very foundations, devolving power to the regions and rocking the old — some say antiquated — pillars of the establishment.

Last week, Scotland voted by a three-to-one margin to set up its own parliament.

Plans are also afoot to give London a mayor, reform the House of Lords and update the royal family following Princess Diana's death.

But while the Scottish vote stirred deep emotions and united political foes in a rare alliance, Wales is ambivalent about home rule and even some Labor politicians oppose their party's plans.

An HTV poll conducted last weekend showed that 37 percent of people backed the so-called Welsh Senedd, with 29% against.

But a third of people described themselves as "don't knows", and only half of those registered said they were sure to vote.

The assembly would contain 60 members, control an annual budget of \$11 billion and oversee public services for some three million people.

It would hold no sway over finance, foreign and defense policy, law and order or macro-economics. The Scots, by contrast, will be able to levy their own taxes.

Supporters of the Senedd admit their body would be weaker than the Scottish version but say it is better to have some local representation than none.

Annexed to England in 1536, Wales last had a full parliament in the early 15th century and nationalists see its return as a vital precursor to full independence.

Opponents say the assembly could exacerbate mistrust between the north and south of the principality and would be little more

than a costly talking shop.

Britain's Conservatives say that a 'yes' vote could even lead to the break-up of the United Kingdom, and they have sought to play on the fears of the many undecided.

"Our message is: 'if you are not sure after all the propaganda and campaigning by the government machine, then you should vote no,'" Conservative leader William Hague told wavering voters in Newport, South Wales.

But the Conservatives hold little sway after being left without a seat in either Wales or Scotland following the May 1 general election landslide that ended their 18-year rule.

Indeed, Labor's democratization drive is far more in tune with the national mood, and separatists across Europe are closely following Britain's new upsurge in people's power as they press their own long-running campaigns.

Full results of the Welsh poll are expected early tomorrow.



The Reichstag is back

Germany is rebuilding the Reichstag, which was the nation's parliament until Hitler's rise to power in 1933, when the domed building was also burned down. Today a topping-out ceremony is being held in Berlin to mark an important step in the building's reconstruction, slated for completion in time to house the German parliament in 1999. Germany's parliament or Bundestag voted after reunification in 1990 to move from Bonn to Berlin. The cost of reconstructing the Reichstag is an estimated \$333 million.

Confident Russia set to star at IMF meeting

MOSCOW (Reuters) — When Russia puts out its hand at the IMF's annual meeting today, it won't be begging for money but setting up deals.

For the first time in almost a decade, there are signs that the Russian economy is growing, so the former communist pauper has donned a pin-striped suit and is power lunching.

"The Russians are courting the Western financial institutions because their demand for capital is huge, and Western financial institutions in turn are courting the Russians to make sure they get their fair share of the business," said Michael Johnson of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette.

DLJ, where Johnson is a managing director of investment banking, plans to open a Moscow office in the near future and the World Bank/International Monetary Fund annual meeting in Hong Kong is

part of its strategy.

"Certainly what we would hope to take away from it is a meaningful dialogue with a number of potential clients."

Russia, once regarded as a basket case, is now seen as an economic success story. Inflation is down to 15 percent from more than 1,000%, the national product is about to grow, and interest rates are 20%, after they were 200% last year.

Everybody wants to make the most of it. Bankers will be one of the largest groups of the meeting's 12,000 participants.

Russia expects to announce during the conference the closing date for a deal with the London Club of bank creditors restructuring \$35 billion in debt inherited by Russia from the Soviet Union, which will be sure to give it a credibility boost.

It made a similar announcement at the IMF meeting in 1994 in Madrid, but, humbly, the deal

fell through.

Confident again, Russia will shift the bulk of its non-market borrowing next year to the IMF's sister group, the World Bank, a sort of upgrading of credit status.

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But Russian foreign borrowing, which is measurable in the billions of dollars — tiny for a country that

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"The presence of Russian banks and Russian corporates at the IMF/World Bank conference will likely be greater than at any time previously — there may even be some representatives from regions as well," said David Boren, economic and market analyst at Salomon Brothers investment bank in London. "That is a relatively new phenomenon, but they have definitely realized that one way to reduce their own borrowing costs is to tap the international capital markets."

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Morgan Grenfell in Moscow, said officials would be drumming up support for Russia's privatization program.

"Direct investment is what it needs to be attracting now, and I think that is what it is going to be talking about," he said.

Russia recently raised almost \$2b., selling a 25% stake in the national telecoms holding company Svyyazinvest and has said it will sell 96% of the Rosneft oil company for about \$1b. more.

Jordan said foreigners were beginning to respect Russia's privatization efforts, after a checkered history, and said ministers would talk up the planned sales to their colleagues.

"They'll be maybe talking to other ministers — 'We've changed our ways, these are going to be real auctions, real privatizations, please encourage your legitimate institutions to come and bid.'"

Diana's guard to be questioned tomorrow

By IRWIN ARIEFF

PARIS (Reuters) — French investigators looking into Princess Diana's fatal car crash plan to question the bodyguard who survived the accident later this week, police sources said yesterday.

"An initial meeting is expected to take place on Friday though the specifics have not been set," one police official told Reuters.

Officials at the hospital where Trevor Rees-Jones has been treated since the August 31 crash said

Tuesday that he was conscious and able to talk, raising hopes he could soon help investigators fill in the blanks in their probe.

The 29-year-old bodyguard, who was apparently saved by the combination of a seat belt and an air bag, has been under tight guard while in intensive care at the Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital in Paris. He recently underwent 10 hours of surgery to reconstruct his smashed face, but hospital officials said he was now fully conscious and could speak a little as well as write though he tired easily.

Clergy to Nigeria's Abacha: Abandon presidency now

By JAMES JURKWEY

LAGOS (Reuters) — Catholic bishops in Nigeria have told military ruler General Sani Abacha to free political detainees and not to contest next year's presidential poll, a church spokesman said yesterday.

Reverend Emmanuel Badojo said the bishops had the plea at the end of their biannual conference in the southeastern city of Uyo last weekend. He added that the actions would make the transition to civil rule program of the military more credible.

Abacha has stated many times that he will step down to a democratically elected government next year but doubts persist because of strident campaigns by some groups that he stand in the 1998 elections and continue in power.

The general says the decision whether or not to contest will depend on his "constituency", meaning the military.

But the campaigns, being waged mainly by hangers-on, have ensured no serious contender has emerged for the presidency.

"It will be immoral for General Abacha to succeed himself and what the bishops are saying is that if the government is sincere about democracy it should stop these campaigns," Badojo, spokesman of the bishops' conference, told Reuters.

"We condemn the activities of

those who are actively campaigning for the leadership of the present military administration to succeed itself in 1998," said a communiqué issued by the bishops.

The Catholic church in Nigeria has often commented on the political quagmire that enveloped Africa's most populous nation when the army annulled a 1993 presidential election.

Abacha seized power in the turmoil that followed and although he has since launched a democracy plan, many of his opponents are in jail including Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the annulled poll.

"To demonstrate its determination to introduce genuine democratic rule, the government should create a more conducive environment by greater respect for fundamental human rights," said the bishops' communiqué.

"In particular, government should release all political prisoners and allow them to participate fully in the transition process," it added.

Similar calls by local pro-democracy activists and the international community have so far yielded few results.

Justice Patrick Nwokedi, chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, an official agency, accused security forces Tuesday of violating human rights and the government of allowing such abuses to go unchecked.

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b. The cost of the tender documents is NIS 750, which must be paid into the account of the Property and Services Dept., Ministry of Health, at the Postal Bank (account no. 0-03807-9).
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GOP youth lose glamor

By JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — Three years ago, he was a gleaming exemplar of the Republican Party's future. Freshly elected to Congress in 1994 as part of the conservative vanguard of self-styled revolutionaries, Rep. David M. McIntosh of Indiana was brimming with energy to upend the ways of Washington. An acolyte of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, (R-Georgia), he was rewarded with the kind of power and position rarely granted a greenhorn.

McIntosh now finds himself in a very different place: at odds with GOP leaders as the party takes an increasingly conciliatory tack. It got so bad this summer, after a failed conservative effort to oust Gingrich, that McIntosh was seen as the target of a threat by the speaker to take retribution on disloyal Republicans.

McIntosh's transformation from golden boy to "enfant terrible" of the House GOP is representative of the changing fortunes of the Republican equivalent of the baby-boom generation — the big 1994 class of rambunctious Republicans who tipped the partisan balance of power in the House for the first time in a generation and set the confrontational tone for their first year in power.

If the rebels were in the driver's seat then, they are riding in a sidecar now.

All this year, they have been fighting an uphill battle to steer the House on a more conservative course. They were the core of GOP opposition to the budget-balancing deal between congression-

al leaders and the White House, which passed overwhelmingly. They were ringleaders of the bungled effort to oust Gingrich.

Last week, they tied up the House for days with an effort to rewrite a social-spending bill that didn't square with their conservative principles. They did manage to wrangle some victories — including a cut in President Clinton's Goals 2000 education-reform initiative — and they are expected this week to win a vote to block funding for Clinton's national education testing plan. But they lost on dozens of other amendments, and the social-spending bill as a whole is expected to remain unacceptable to most conservatives.

That debate has crystallized the quandary that has faced this cadre of conservatives all year: They are clamoring for a confrontational approach to Clinton at a time when many of their GOP colleagues, including a speaker who is trying to repair the political damage suffered during a lengthy ethics investigation, have concluded that the public wants Congress to end the partisan bickering and get on with the nation's business.

"They are behaving the way Newt Gingrich trained them to behave," said John F. Pitney Jr., a political scientist at Claremont McKenna College. "But now the program is different. Compromise has replaced confrontation in Gingrich's order of the day."

The fate of the class of '94 provides a window into a battle royal about the Republican Party's direction in the wake of the budget-balancing deal. With that

grand compromise behind them, conservatives are reasserting themselves with demands that the GOP push a bolder agenda featuring more tax cuts, anti-abortion initiatives and opposition to affirmative action.

Although their numbers are dwindling, the class of '94 will continue to have a loud voice in the debate. And even if they don't get their way, they will keep up the pressure on the party not to drift too far from its conservative base.

"This gets discouraging," said Marshall "Mark" Sanford (R-South Carolina) "but if we weren't here, where would the party be?"

Sanford is one of 73 Republicans elected to the House in 1994 — the huge influx that gave their party control of Congress for the first time in 40 years. They were, by and large, conservatives with a passionate anti-Washington streak. They were hell-bent on more than traditional GOP goals of cutting taxes and balancing the federal budget: They wanted to smash the business-as-usual, log-rolling mind-set of the Washington establishment.

They were loyal foot soldiers who helped drive the GOP agenda in 1995, as the Republicans' "Contract with America" swept through the House. Their fervor helped stiffen the spines of GOP leaders when they went to battle with Clinton. Their resistance to compromise had a powerful influence on the budget strategy that produced two government shutdowns in the winter of 1995-96.

But when those shutdowns proved to be politically disastrous, with polls showing that the GOP bore the brunt of the blame, Republican leaders began backing away from the politics of confrontation. A more conciliatory approach in 1996 produced compromises with Clinton on welfare, health-care and minimum-wage laws.

After the 1996 elections, only 58 members of the class of '94 remained in the House, and the

political landscape became even more inhospitable. Many in their party saw the outcome of the 1996 election — returning a Democrat to the White House and a narrower GOP majority in Congress — as a sign the public wants the two parties to work together and put a lid on partisan combat. GOP leaders set a cautious strategy of letting Clinton set the agenda.

To be sure, not everyone in the class of '94 is unhappy with that course. The class is not, and never was, a conservative monolith because it includes several moderates like Ray LaHood (R-Illinois).

"Some ran on the idea that they wanted to turn the place inside out," LaHood said. "The rest of us are more interested in trying to make something happen."

But the class includes a cohesive core of roughly 20 conservative activists who continue to meet, plot and coordinate their causes — a potentially potent faction at a time when Republicans have only a 20-vote edge over the Democrats in the House. Several classmates were so eager to stick together this year that they arranged to have offices on the same hallway, dubbed the "hard-core floor." This cadre has repeatedly surfaced as thorns in the side of the House GOP leadership.

The fact that the 1994 class is such a tough crowd is a reflection, in part, of how they got to Washington. Many were not career politicians and imposed term limits on themselves. As a result, they tend to be less inclined to be deferential or to patiently wait for power to flow to them.

"They came in with the term-limits attitude: We're going to Congress to do a certain job, then we're going to come home and do something different," said David Mason, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "If things get too bad, I can walk away."

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Chinese Hanukka

A little girl lights up one of the candles brightening up a straw mat as she and her parents sit and celebrate the mid-autumn lantern festival in the Chinese calendar at the Victoria Park in Hong Kong on Tuesday.

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Feds urged not to buy Microsoft

By JUBE SHIVER JR

WASHINGTON — Stymied in their bid to persuade the Justice Department to take stronger antitrust action against Microsoft Corp., consumer groups are pressing the federal government to buy more software from Microsoft's rivals.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader raised the issue of how the federal government decides which software it purchases with the \$1 billion it spends annually, during a meeting with Douglas Melamed, deputy assistant attorney general at the Justice Department. Nader and Jamie Love, director of the Consumer Project on Technology, argued that it is unwise for the government to rely on a single software supplier as it would be to depend on a single defense contractor.

"The current procurement standards push the government toward Microsoft products," said Love, whose Washington-based watchdog group focuses on computer policy matters. Under a year-old procurement reform measure, federal agencies have the flexibility to purchase computer products without the previous red tape over product specifications and price. But privately, many software developers say the measure has strengthened Microsoft's hold on the market, since many federal employees want to use the same Microsoft software products they use at home.

Microsoft's MS-DOS and Windows software operates 80 percent of the world's personal computers, and Microsoft Office software, a collection of word processing, spreadsheet and other programs, is now the leading package of business applications, selling about 1 million copies a month.

Justice officials did not indicate whether they would support Nader's plan, which the consumer advocate will present this month to the General Services Administration, the federal government's procurement arm.

Vivek Varma, a spokesman for Microsoft based in Redmond, Washington, said the company had not heard of Nader's proposal but argued that Microsoft's success in the market stemmed from its superior product offerings.

"Government agencies need to get the best value they can for their technology [investment], and Microsoft offers great technology at attractive prices," Varma said.

Consumer groups from five states are scheduled to visit Capitol Hill Monday to lobby legislators to hold hearings on Microsoft's business practices in the wake of the software giant's recent multimillion-dollar investment in rival Apple Computer Co.

For more than a year, the Justice Department's antitrust division has been examining several Microsoft purchases and investments in other software and hardware companies. The Justice Department has taken no action against Microsoft and has not indicated what, if any, business behavior they are focusing on.

But the agency is believed to be interested in Microsoft's Internet activities, including the marketing of Microsoft's forthcoming Internet browser and several investments in technologies that allow computers to receive audio and video over the Internet.

In July, Microsoft acquired 10 percent of Progressive Networks and licensed Progressive Networks' RealAudio and RealVideo real-time streaming computer data transmission formats. Microsoft also acquired another Silicon Valley audio-video start-up, VxTreme Inc. Those deals come on top of Microsoft's \$425 million purchase of WebTV.

Experts believe Microsoft hopes to use these investments to establish an industry standard for deploying multimedia technology over the Internet.

In addition, Microsoft is gearing up to give away copies of the latest version of its Internet browser — a tactic archival Netscape Communications used to become the dominant Web browser. But critics say that the giveaway, scheduled to begin September 30, is evidence that Microsoft is using predatory pricing and its software dominance to gain control of everything from the Internet to television.

The plays have begun to unnerv some rival software makers who had not spoken out publicly against Microsoft out of fear of reprisals.

Executives of Powerquest Corp. in Orem, Utah, for instance, say sales of their new Drive Image software have been hurt because Microsoft has vowed to withhold technical support from customers who install Drive Image or other products that use similar technology to copy files on a hard drive in order to quickly restore them in the event of a computer crash.

Microsoft said the policy helps avert possible unauthorized duplication of its software products. But Robert Raymond, Powerquest's vice president of development, says he believes Microsoft won't help users of imaging software because Microsoft plans to offer its own solution in the next version of Windows.

(Los Angeles Times)



Consumer Wars

A different joint venture

By R. JEFFREY SMITH

An American military drill in Kazakhstan indicates importance of resource-rich region

SHYMKENT, Kazakhstan — In an unprecedented display of US military interest in energy- and mineral-rich Central Asia, US paratroopers jumped this week from Air Force cargo planes onto an arid plateau near here to practice international peace-keeping.

The week-long, US-led exercise is being conducted jointly with 120 troops from Turkey, Russia and four other nations and has been billed as the longest airborne military expedition in history. Troops from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division embarked early Sunday morning from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a 19-hour nonstop flight to this former Soviet republic.

By spending an estimated \$5 million to rapidly deploy forces 12,300 km. from home, the Pentagon is demonstrating its desire to encourage and reinforce greater political independence and stability among friendly nations in this region, according to several officials here.

They noted that Kazakhstan and the two other key participants in the exercise — Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan — stand at a key commercial and

political crossroads between Europe, Asia and the Middle East, in a region formerly dominated by the Soviet Union.

"What we need here are independent, sovereign states that are able to defend themselves," said Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary Catherine Kelleher, who arrived Sunday to observe. She cited the "potential for conflict, plus the presence of enormous energy resources" in justifying US involvement.

Kelleher did not specify what conflicts worry Washington the most, but ethnic or religious tensions already exist nearby in Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kashmir, parts of which are claimed by India and Pakistan. Roughly 1,000 km. southwest of this dusty and decrepit Kazakh city is Iran, which has sought to expand its influence in the area at the expense of the West, several officials said.

But it is the region's immense, untapped deposits of minerals and oil that have prompted experts and politicians to predict that the fate of Central Asia's

nations could affect the world balance of power. The Caspian Sea, 1,280 km. northwest of here, is home to a pool of oil that exceeds the North Sea's reserves and rivals those beneath Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

In Turkmenistan, to the southwest, experts say a pool of natural gas could be the largest in the world. Although most of these resources are likely to be consumed by China, India and other neighboring nations rather than by the United States, the American oil companies Chevron Corp. and Mobil Corp. already have staked nearly \$7 million to help develop the Tengiz oil fields surrounding the Caspian Sea.

US Ambassador to Kazakhstan A. Elizabeth Jones also noted that the region's resources will be "a backup or fill-in" to those of the Middle East, in the event that US purchases from there should ever be interrupted. But she said Washington's desire primarily was to help the nations defend themselves, not to pre-

pare for any future US military rescue.

A total of 1,329 troops are taking part, acting in response to a hypothetical UN request for assistance in enforcing the settlement of a border dispute and also quelling local opposition from renegade, separatist forces that are assisted by a foreign power.

A Kazakh officer, Col. Alexei Riskin, said the scenario is based on conflicts that already have occurred in the former Soviet Union, but did not elaborate.

The first person to parachute is expected to be Marine Corps Gen. John Sheehan, commander in chief of the US Atlantic Command, which is sponsoring the exercise. Sheehan, who had been in the running to become chairman of the joint chiefs of staff but was passed over, is retiring this week.

Some of the foreign forces are from a newly formed battalion consisting of troops from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, Islamic nations that were forged in 1991 from the shards of the former Soviet Union and remain economic rivals. Forty members of the battalion were trained at Fort Bragg for the jump. Their task will be to help secure an imaginary airfield in fields owned by the Kazakh military before helping police the surrounding area.

The nations are participants in the US-sponsored Partnership for Peace program, organized by NATO to help former Moscow allies become accustomed to military cooperation with the West.

Although Russia has been wary of an expanded NATO presence in Central Europe, several US officials said Moscow and Washington recognize they have a common interest in enhancing the stability of the moderate Islamic nations on Russia's southern border.

As a result, Russian military officers have been heavily involved in preparations for the exercise, and 49 Russian paratroopers are to take part. The only Russian protest to date was mounted last week outside the US Embassy in Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan, by several dozen communists who said they are opposed to the presence of US troops.

"If in 1992 someone had told me that in 1997, American airborne troops would be dropping in the same zone as Russians from their home nations, I would have told them they were crazy," said Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Martin Berndt, a director of exercises and joint training.

"We believe the door is open to this type of thing. We want to push it open a little bit further." Reporters were sent here from Washington to cover the exercise as a test of the Defense Department's media pool system, established to ensure that journalists can witness the deployment of US forces overseas in wartime.

They were informed of the trip seven hours before departure last Friday and were not told in advance where they would go.



The Clintons' only daughter joins Stanford, leaving behind a sheltered life in Washington. Here she is seen in a file phototaken the day her father announced his first bid for the presidency.

Chelsea goes to college

By ADRIAN CROFT

PALO ALTO, California (Reuters) — Among the 1,660 excited but nervous new students arriving at California's Stanford University this week, one will stand out from the crowd — President Bill Clinton's daughter, Chelsea.

Leaving behind a sheltered life in Washington, the 17-year-old only child of the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is striking out on her own, moving 5,000 km from the White House to the palm-tree-dotted campus of Stanford, one of America's elite private universities.

She goes from the formal surroundings of the nation's capital to the laid-back atmosphere of a sunny California campus.

The Clintons will join other proud parents who accompany their children to Stanford on September 19, when students move into their dorms, parents are briefed on university life, and an opening convocation is held.

Chelsea Clinton and her parents hope she can have a life just like any other Stanford undergrad. Other students, however, question whether that will be possible.

"I just wonder what kind of life she's going to be leading here at college," said Gabriela Arias, 20, a junior majoring in human biology. "I'm a bit jealous because all the professors are going to know her already."

Chelsea Clinton's public appearances in Washington, where she attended the exclusive Sidwell Friends School, were carefully rationed. But she may come under closer media scrutiny away from home.

As the president's daughter, she will get secret service protection at Stanford, which lies at the heart of the Silicon Valley 55 km south of San Francisco. But some stu-

dents think she could be a target of the news media, including the paparazzi.

"I think she will have a problem with that — like reporters popping up at the dorms or at frat parties," Arias said. But the coed thinks initial curiosity will die down, allowing Chelsea Clinton to lead a normal life.

Noting that actor Fred Savage studies at Stanford and golf star Tiger Woods recently left, Arias said students there were "pretty used to having famous people around all the time."

The editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, the *Stanford Daily*, has promised that once Clinton settles in, the newspaper will not hound her as a celebrity.

William Daly, a security expert with consulting firm Kroll Associates, said he expected that secret service agents would monitor Clinton's activities from a distance and "allow her enough freedom to have her own college life. I wouldn't expect an agent to be in the classroom with her."

That base level of security could be stepped up if the secret service learned of any kind of threat to her, he said.

Agents selected to shadow her "might be younger-looking, to fit into the college scene. I wouldn't be surprised if you saw them walking around with backpacks," he added.

It surprised many when the White House announced in April that the president's daughter had chosen Stanford rather than following in the footsteps of her parents, who attended Eastern schools. "I think she wanted to branch out and be her own person," Mrs. Clinton said at the time.

Asked what it would be like to have his only daughter be so far away, President Clinton joked earlier this year: "Well, the planes run out there, and the phones

work out there, and the e-mail works out there, so we'll be all right."

AT STANFORD, nicknamed "The Farm," Clinton will rub shoulders with some of the nation's brightest students. Only one in 10 applicants was selected for entry in 1997. Almost half of those offered admission had straight-A records.

Undergraduate tuition fees at Stanford for 1997/98 are \$21,300 (NIS 74,550). Room and board costs \$7,557 (NIS 26,449).

The high-powered faculty includes 10 Nobel Prize winners and five Pulitzer Prize winners. Famous alumni of the school, founded in 1891, include Republican president Herbert Hoover and former secretary of state Warren Christopher.

Stanford and White House officials are tight-lipped about the life Clinton will lead on campus. "We respect the privacy of all our students, so we are not going to talk about any of them individually," university spokesman Terry Shepard said.

The university would not confirm what she will study, although Mrs. Clinton said in April that her daughter wanted to pursue a medical career.

Neel Latimore, a spokesman for Mrs. Clinton in Washington, said people had been wonderful to Chelsea Clinton in Washington and she had lived as normal a life as possible. "The president, Mrs. Clinton, and Chelsea are hoping for the same positive experience at Stanford," he said.

Latimore said Clinton would be living in a dorm. All freshman dorms at Stanford are coed and, while living arrangements vary, most rooms are shared by two students.

Clinton and other new students will have five days of orientation before classes start on September 24.



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No cause for celebration

The recent series of resignations of those most involved in the preparations for Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations have only served to confirm fears that what was supposed to be a grand showcase of the country's achievements will more likely be a grand flop.

Poor planning, internal squabbles, too little money and above all the over-politicization of the preparations have nearly finished off the whole project. The situation was best summed up by former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who has been asked to step in and pull off a last-minute rescue job. Moda'i reportedly quipped that although he has experience healing the sick, he has never yet revived the dead.

Two weeks ago, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who had been charged with supervising the festivities on behalf of the government, suddenly announced his resignation, claiming that the heads of the Jubilee Celebrations Association were making decisions without consulting him. Katsav is now said to be reconsidering, having apparently gotten what he wanted on Tuesday when jubilee association chairman Yossi Peled and director Haim Slutzky announced their resignations.

Katsav, however, may soon find that he has nothing to supervise. Slutzky and Peled provided detailed reasons for their resignations, warning that under current conditions — including a too-low budget — they simply could not guarantee the celebrations could be staged with the proper professionalism. The association itself has declared that unless an appropriate new leadership for the jubilee planning effort is appointed and some serious changes are made within 14 days, all the association members will resign.

These developments were far from the first indications that the jubilee plans were in turmoil. The proper planning of even part of the grandiose events originally scheduled, and the mandate "to include all topics, appeal to all communities and involve everyone," should have begun years ago. Because of high-level foot-dragging, Slutzky was appointed director-general of the association only in January of this year — very late, considering that celebrations were originally slated to begin this month.

The work was further hampered by an incredibly Byzantine bureaucracy the purpose of which seemed merely to ensure that political interests are satisfied. The professionals hired to actually plan and direct the preparations were required to have every project approved by a committee of ministry directors-general, led by the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Avigdor Lieberman. That committee, in turn, was overseen by a committee of ministers

headed by Katsav. The Prime Minister's Office had its own liaison to the planning committee.

To top it off, a public council, whose role was never fully defined, was established. It was originally conceived as a forum in which prominent representatives of the general public would have input into the preparations, with various sectors, including minorities, represented. Instead, both the Labor government and the Netanyahu government used it to grant politically connected individuals a prestigious title, eventually inflating the number of members to 71 to accommodate more and more functionaries.

Even the parallel Diaspora festivities were affected by political struggles, with Netanyahu's choices Marvin Josephson and Meriv Adelson edging out Edgar Bronfman from the chairmanship of the Diaspora celebrations committee, after Foreign Minister David Levy had already promised Bronfman the job.

Not surprisingly, the political sparring spilled over into the deliberations over funding. The budget for the festivities was originally set at NIS 250 million. The Knesset Finance Committee, complaining of the politicization of the preparations, and noting that it had not received a detailed outline of the program and the costs of individual events, approved an initial advance of only NIS 5m., then grudgingly upped it to NIS 50m. The budget numbers spoken of in the Prime Ministers' Office began shrinking, down to NIS 200m., then NIS 100m. With only half that approved, the rest is being held up by opposition from Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, who thinks that the NIS 50m. already budgeted is too much in an era of general budget cuts.

If done correctly, however, a tasteful and well-produced jubilee commemoration can justify reasonable public outlays. Festivities that would inspire feelings of unity, pride and celebration among Israel's citizens could be most beneficial.

Furthermore, the 50th anniversary can be an opportunity to attract positive international attention to the achievements of this country and its potential for the future — which in turn can spur tourism and investment. Only last month, India and Pakistan's 50th anniversary events were universally judged as dismal, reflecting the general failures and difficulties of the two countries.

Unfortunately, in eight months, on Israel's 50th Independence Day, instead of projecting an image of a progressive society proud of its accomplishments and looking confidently toward the future, the country is likely to appear as a country in which political interests and connections are paramount.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHOP SHOPS

Sir, - There was a report in the Post that there is a dramatic rise in car thefts, from 30,000 to 40,000 per year. There are inferences to be drawn from this report.

The first is that it must not be difficult for the thieves to drive the vehicles to the territories, which means that the idea of "separation" is hardly a realistic approach to our security problems. How many cars were stopped and how many arrests made before the thieves

reached the Green Line? Not many.

The second inference is that PA police are doing nothing against the "chop shops." They know where to find them, just as they found the cars of two Knesset members after a call to the PA, when lo and behold, the cars were returned.

The third inference, and surely the most bizarre, is that you cannot hide a "chop shop." It requires equipment and space. In a word, it

is highly visible. The Israeli police had full control of the territories for many years after 1967, and our police are not as constrained as their American counterparts with warrants and constitutional niceties. How many "chop shops" did we enter and demolish in that period? Not many would be my guess.

ARTHUR GRUDER
 Jerusalem.

LAND OF CHELM

Sir, - Israel has been my home of choice for the past 22 years, and I love it dearly. But I often feel I'm living in the Land of Chelm, considering some of the absurd things that happen here.

The recent tremendous budget cuts are understandably necessary although extremely difficult. So why do we terminate Daylight Saving Time, which saves the country millions of shekels, when we are still in the throes of summer?

Also, there are many volunteer organizations, such as Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization, which raise funds through the sale of raffles in order to assist and reinforce medical and other welfare services which are affected by the budget cuts. Why are these organizations now told they must sell these raffles to members only — not to friends, family or strangers — or lose their non-profit organization privileges? Why should help such as this from the private volunteer sector be discouraged?

EVELYN WOLMAN
 Herzliya.

INVITED TO MAKE ALIYA

Sir, - If Dr. Irving Moskowitz (the American Jew who has invested money in real estate in Ras al-Amud in Jerusalem) is a Zionist — first of all he is invited to make aliya and to have his descendants serve in the IDF.

If Dr. Moskowitz is eager to make Jews live among an Arab population — he is invited to settle

himself in Ras al-Amud or any other Arab quarter or village. And if Dr. Moskowitz wants to invest his money in Jerusalem — he is invited to fund industries in the city, to fight unemployment among the Jews of our capital.

MICHAEL NOACH
 Beersheba.

BEAUTIFULLY EXPRESSED

Sir, - Reading the article "Borders meet, minds meet," by Thomas O'Dwyer (September 12), I felt such a satisfaction reading something so beautifully expressed by peacefulness, of the beauty of nature, away from all the dark clouds of our present time.

I thank Thomas O'Dwyer. Hopefully, times will change and we could have many of these peaceful articles.

SALLY LEHR
 Tel Aviv.

PROVOCATIONS

Sir, - It is a sad day for Zionism when a major political party in Israel can label Jewish settlement in Jerusalem a "provocation." It is even sadder, though, to note the complete lack of moral responsibility of the Labor and Meretz leadership in placing responsibility for the "next terror attack" with the prime minister. Such talk can only serve our enemies — whose commitment to our eradication pre-dates all these various "provocations."

SHMUEL HAGER
 Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On September 18, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that both London and Washington appeared to be moving closer toward acceptance of the UN Special Committee on Palestine recommendations for the partition of Palestine. A

report from London said that with the exception of the Colonial Office Government circles advised the Cabinet that Britain should withdraw from Palestine.

In Herzliya the Hagana captured a large gang of currency

counterfeiters. The principal victims were travelers who bought black market dollars.

In Vienna the Austrian Government agreed to transfer Theodor Herzl's remains to Palestine.

Alexander Zivelli

A true farce

LARRY DERFNER

This isn't even scary anymore. This is ridiculous.

Bombs are going off, Albright can't save us, we're staring at war on two or three fronts, and suddenly a bunch of crazy yeshiva students decide that this is the time to launch the Battle of Jerusalem.

Netanyahu is helpless. The police are helpless. America is helpless. The fate of the Middle East is in the hands of Irving Moskowitz.

Is this an old Woody Allen movie? Maybe Peter Sellers?

I'm sorry, but I think Israel has just gone a step too far, and is no longer to be taken seriously by the rest of the world.

Look at this spectacle. The whole country is being led to the edge of a cliff by a few dozen bearded weirdos dancing around, hammering nails, singing "Ay-yay-yay-yay-yay." They've even got an accordion player.

Imagine how the foreign correspondents are taking this. "Oh well, the nut cases are at it again, let's go." Imagine Clinton watching this. He's probably enjoying it. He likes a good laugh.

Hundreds of policemen are guarding these people. As if they don't have enough to do elsewhere these days.

No matter. Jews have the right to live anywhere they want in Jerusalem. Arabs don't. But Jews do. Now let's everybody go up to Ras al-Amud and dance.

Ah, life during Bibi-Time. If it isn't one thing, it's another. One wild, zany caper after the next.

IT'S very strange, considering that this is a Jewish country. When I lived in the US, I used to think of Jews as being a little brighter, on the whole, than other people. A little wiser.

But here in the Jewish state? We've become one of the oddball, unstable countries of the world. Every nation has its religious-political fanatics, but few nations allow them to determine policy on matters of war and peace. Israel has become one of those few.

What do all the intelligent, Western-minded Jews in the world think of us?

They're embarrassed. They want no part of this. Israel is now an

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inspiration only to reactionary Jews and reactionary Christians.

With the rise of Moskowitz and the Moskoteers, Israel just doesn't seem real anymore. This can't be happening. But evidently it is. People could really die from this thing. A lot of people.

Yet even death doesn't seem real in this country anymore. It's become a show.

The TV stations tell their graphic artists to design a chilling logo, preferably in red and black — "Terror in Jerusalem." "Terror in the Heart of Jerusalem." They tell their sound editors to choose the right music for the opening — "BOOM-boom-boom-boom, BOOM-boom, boom, boom." Eerie. Horrifying. That's the desired effect.

Then the sad songs come on. Shlomo Artzi. Rita. Lots of slow fade-outs. The broadcasters look and sound like undertakers.

The screen is filled with hysterical eyewitnesses, with the grief-crazed families of the victims. Each victim gets his or her 15 minutes of fame. She was a flower. She was always smiling. Everybody loved him. He was always helping others.

I'm numb from all this, and I don't think I'm alone. This country has become saturated with death and terror and violence and grief, and now these loonies at Ras al-Amud are inviting a lot more of it into our lives.

You say every Israeli wants peace? If these people want peace, then the word "peace" has no meaning.

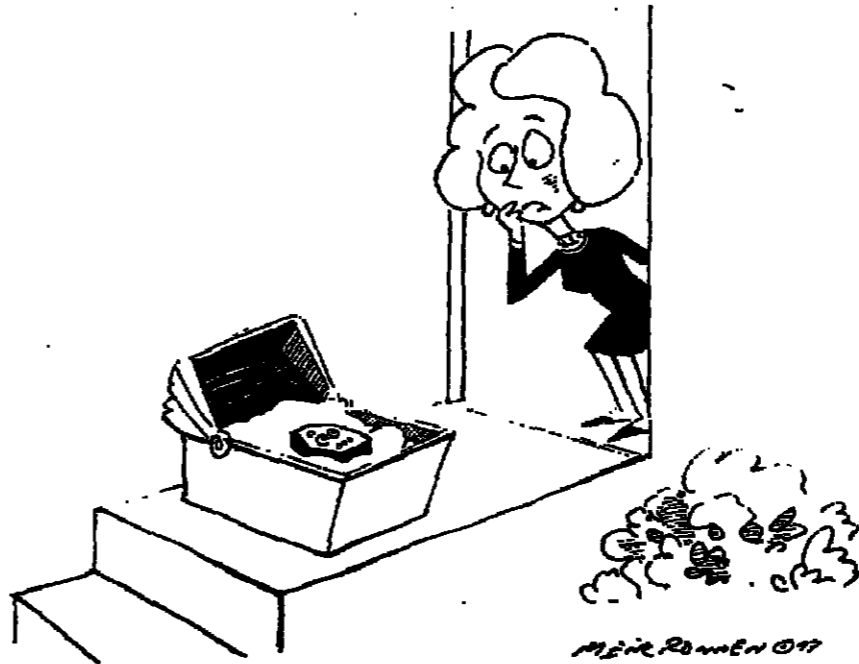
And nobody will stop them. The security establishment's hands are tied. They need a clear and present danger before they can drag these fools out of there, and they've determined that the danger isn't clear or present enough.

Until then, what counts above everything else is Moskowitz's property rights.

It's his house, he can do what he wants with it, and if all hell breaks loose, if people get killed over it — well, there was nothing we could do.

How can you get mad at this? How can you rage at a farce? I kind of feel like whistling. Let's all dance around in a circle. Let's laugh. Where's that accordion player? Let's sing. Loudly, everybody: Ay-yay-yay-yay-yay.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist.



Capital moves

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

It was Monday night, after the Jewish families had moved into their new homes in what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calls by the Arab name of Ras al-Amud, but is historically part of the Mount of Olives. The same Mount of Olives where King David composed many of his psalms some 3,000 years ago.

All was peaceful. Suddenly "Peace Now" activists and their groups turned up. Soon a mob of Arab youths led by Faisal Hussein, Yasser Arafat's Jerusalem chief, arrived too. Stones were hurled at homes and vehicles. Curses, and insults like "war-mongers get out! Moscowitz go back to Miami!" filled the air.

The incident erupted precisely when a Channel 2 TV team was filming live for the 8 p.m. news. The moment the TV action ended, there was a sudden silence. The demonstrators, including Hussein and his stone-throwing cohorts, melted away.

Commented a TV crewman: "This was a riot for our benefit. It was distressing to watch Jews cursing Jews, and inciting Arabs into violent action. They can demonstrate all night for all I care. But it's disgusting to put on a show purely to seek TV publicity."

We doubt if it would embarrass the "peace loving" mob to know that the man they love to hate, Irving Moskowitz buys property for all sorts of Jews. For instance he purchased a building nearby to rent out to the Israel Police for their regional headquarters.

The decision to live in "Ras al-Amud" has, of course, created a storm in Jerusalem. How can it be otherwise when Arafat aims to fly FLO flags on every minaret in the city and make it his Palestinian capital? Josephus Flavius in his War of the Jews described vividly how the fact of Jew fighting Jew hastened Jerusalem's capture by the Romans 19 centuries ago.

"It will give Arafat an excuse for encouraging more terrorist attacks," is the cry from all sides. Oh really? When did Arafat ever need an excuse to launch attacks? It has always been his creed, and it remains so to this very day.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai also lambastes the families by saying: "Ras al-Amud could be the catalyst for further violence in the capital. It could lead to a conflagration."

A soldier, Mordechai knows that a Jewish presence on the Mount of Olives is a counterweight to the vast complex being built at the Palestinian capital center in nearby Abu Dis. It's a buffer against Arafat's penetration into Jerusalem, just as Har Homa acts as a bulwark against his tentacles reaching into the capital from adjoining Bethlehem.

Mordechai knows that Hamas had no need of a Ras al-Amud excuse to unleash their suicide bombers in the heart of Jerusalem. What precisely has Mordechai, Netanyahu and the rest of the government done to protect the capital's citizens? Where was the intelligence community when two terrorists killed 15 civilians and hospitalized over 150 more at Mahaneh Yehuda at the end of July? Or where was this administration's security apparatus when suicide bombers murdered five young people in the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall a fortnight ago?

Netanyahu has urged Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to find a legal pretext — such as citing the Ras al-Amud Jews a danger to public security — so that he can evacuate the families. The absurdity here is that the prime minister, a self-proclaimed world authority on terrorism, has failed abjectly to provide any security, whether public or otherwise, in the heart of Jerusalem as we all know to our bitter regret.

When is it ever the time for Jews to act in their own interest?

The writers are Jerusalem Post columnists.

Rest in Peace, peace

"Come rescue the peace!" proclaimed big banners strung across the highway.

So I did, as much to assuage myself as out of hope. At the demonstration outside the Tel Aviv Museum last Saturday evening, I joined thousands with pleasant ineffectual demeanors like my own. It was the same peace scene all over again, but in the midst of all the singing and waving and clapping, the fervor of conviction seemed wanting.

The speakers on the platform repeated the stock phrases heard so many times before. Chants of "Bibi go home!" rose up and then died out. Among this well-brought up crowd they could never reach the crescendo of the throngs chanting "Begin king of Israel!" or the fervor of the mobs shouting death slogans after the terror bombings.

I came with my 21 year old daughter. At my first peace rally back in '78 I had brought her older sister, then five years old. That had been a candlelight vigil, at a time when even Camp David was a dream of the future.

While Abie Nathan spoke, the hot wax from her candle dripped on my daughter's hand, and she cried. That same daughter and I attended a rally together in the same plaza on November 4, 1995. At the end of that night my daughter cried again, but for a different reason.

My husband quipped that his presence this week broke the age equilibrium; without him he estimated it would have been about 18.

HELEN SCHARY MOTRO

As I stood in their midst and watched my second daughter swaying and singing the peace songs along with thousands of other fresh young people, I was hit with layers of deja vu. For a brief few years we felt hopeful of leaping forward, but now, as in a children's game, we have retreated five giant steps backward.

I left my youngest daughter, the nine-year-old, at home, even

The peace rally last week was flavored cough syrup to quiet a few nagging consciences of the emasculated Left

though she begged to come: a peace demonstration is as much fun to a kid as a visit to the circus. I saw toddlers on their fathers' shoulders, stary eyed at the crowd and the lights. I had considered taking her to the rally too, but after Rabin's murder the threshold of violence in Israel made me hesitate.

To my little girl sleeping in her still-safe bed I brought back stickers and posters imprinted: "Peace, we miss you!" "When can I go too, Mom?" she asked.

I gave her the parent's stock response, "Wait until you're a little older..." Then a chilling thought

came to me: maybe we are stuck in a morass which is doomed to traverse generations. I pictured myself in 10 years, accompanying my third girl, by then a young woman, lunging myself to yet another fruitless assembly.

My "Peace Now!" button will be as rusty as "We Like Ike!"

They say 50,000 people crammed the plaza and sidewalks around the museum.

The organizers were overjoyed at the unexpectedly heavy turnout. My friend, a regular, called it a good number for a "maintenance" demonstration. But if that is all the peace movement could muster in the heart of Tel Aviv, where their support is strongest (and after also bussing people in) then the peace prospects are pretty dim. If 50,000 is what they consider a good turnout, then the process is indeed moribund.

Rescue the peace, the banners said? That needs a quarter of a million voices roaring on the barricades. 50,000 flower children can't accomplish more than massaging their own egos. The peace rally last week was flavored cough syrup to quiet a few nagging consciences of the emasculated Left.

But beware. Maybe we don't have decades left to play at demonstrations. The next peace rally in Tel Aviv may turn out to be a funeral dirge where the Israeli representative will lay down a wreath marked "Peace: R.I.P."

The writer is a freelance writer and an attorney.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE HISTORY of medicine: "I have an earache..." 2000 BCE — Here, eat this root. 1000 CE — That root is heathen. Here, say this prayer.

1850 — That prayer is superstition. Here, drink this potion. 1940 — That potion is snake oil. Here, swallow this pill. 1985 — That pill is ineffective.

Here, take this antibiotic. 1997 — That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root.

(Benjamin Richler)

Triumph over hatred

Salter's lofty style

RESISTANCE OF THE HEART by Nathan Stoltzfus. New York, W.W. Norton & Company, 386 pp. \$21.

By Norm Guthartz

More than a thousand Germans took turns standing outside the old Jewish community building on Berlin's Rosenstrasse. Inside were Jews apprehended in the February 1943 final roundup intended to make the Reich capital Judenrein once and for all. With barely enough room to stand, the Jews and "half-Jewish" *Mischlinge* were crammed into the building where they were to be held a few days before being deported to "the East." Between the two groups stood Hitler's elite personal body-guard unit.

The Nazis had separated the Jewish spouses and half-Jewish children of so-called Ayrans from the others, who were mainly employed at arms factories. Since the enactment of the infamous Nuremberg Laws in 1935, the German relations, mostly wives, had endured social isolation, near-starvation rations, rejection by their families, job discrimination and fear. They had even resisted frequent demands and incentives to divorce their spouses; only 7 percent of Germans married to Jews divorced under these conditions.

As many as 600 at a time maintained a constant, week-long vigil on Rosenstrasse after finding out through the grapevine where their Jewish family members had been taken. They came not as an organized movement, but individually or in pairs, on their way to or from their jobs; those who had to continue on their way were quickly replaced by others.

The Reich - which had striven to keep the extermination of Jews secret, even amid the virulent anti-Semitism that was both indigenous and whipped up by the Nazis - feared the publicity and potential unrest the display would create. The guards set up machine guns and threatened to shoot into the crowds, which dispersed to entraceways of nearby buildings, only to reemerge and fill the street again. They shouted: "Give us our husbands."

Incredibly, the Nazis did.

"We acted from the heart, and look what happened," recalled one of many participants interviewed by Nathan Stoltzfus for his study of this little-known incident. How, he asks, could a spontaneous act of protest succeed in Berlin when the Reich was at its most repressive? His answer goes beyond even the damning conclusion reached by Daniel Goldhagen's *Hitler's Willing Executioners*. Whereas Goldhagen states that German beliefs about Jews contributed to their readiness to participate in or turn a blind eye to the Nazis' policies, Stoltzfus - who reaches 20th century European history at Florida State University - says there were ample opportunities for the German people to repudiate the Nuremberg Laws and even stop the "Final Solution" from being implemented.

Stoltzfus has created a cogent account, made all the more compelling by the often gripping personal stories



of the participants. Moreover, he builds a convincing argument that the standard German disclaimer of "What could we do?" simply does not wash.

Stoltzfus starts with an explanation of how Hitler enacted and implemented his hate laws. The dictator insisted on popular support beforehand; only afterwards could force be imposed. But, for political power to endure, Hitler wrote, social traditions had to be changed gradually; that way, the draconian measures which followed would not arouse popular discontent.

Such was the regime's approach to anti-Jewish laws, but the authorities found that the public often raced ahead of those being enacted. For example, after the official April 1, 1933, single-day boycott of Jewish-owned businesses, the German Trade Association was besieged by questions from firms and individuals on how and whether to continue the boycott. So many inquiries reached the association that it referred the matter to the Propaganda Ministry, headed by the infamous Joseph Goebbels. The ministry responded that the boycott was not to be continued, because it would interfere with efforts to rebuild the economy.

Something similar happened in the legal and medical professions, in which many Jews were employed. The professional associations were all too ready to adopt Nazi racial policies as their own, penalizing not only Jewish members, but Gentiles married to Jews as well.

Bureaucrats were also quick to fall into step. "It is clearly futile to expect any type of resistance at all from persons who, even given a legal basis for doing so, were still unwilling to resist the Nazi will," Stoltzfus writes.

Other factors Stoltzfus describes belie the common misconception of a monolithic regime whose every dictate was blindly followed by a cowed society. For instance, the Catholic Church spearheaded public resistance to decrees against the use of the crucifix and, more importantly, to the Nazis' euthanasia program involving the congenitally insane or sick. Noncompliance was so widespread that the Reich backed away from both; in the latter, it effectively stopped what would have been another colossal Nazi crime dead in its tracks.

Even the military establishment, which Hitler could count on to carry out his grotesque plans, attempted to mitigate the conditions for Jewish veterans of World War I who had served the Fatherland with distinction. The Reich seemingly consented to the request by deporting them to Theresienstadt, but, without the army's knowledge, immediately put them on

trains bound for Auschwitz.

The destruction of the Sixth German Army in the February 1943 Battle of Stalingrad was a turning point for a society which until two months before had little or no doubt about the ability of the Wehrmacht to win the war. The regime realized that it would have to shelve its policy of preserving a "racial" life for its citizens, a policy aimed at reducing the potential for unrest. Hitler ordered the entire economy put on a "total war" footing; women - whose job was, as Hitler saw it, to raise families and bear children - were conscripted to work in the armaments industry. Masses of women, however, ignored or sidestepped the decree, and women in Frankfurt am Main were reportedly saying: "If all women got together, then this madness would soon be over!"

Goebbels, who had long pressed Hitler to declare "total war," was also careful to avoid stirring up popular dissent, even when it came to the Final Solution, of which he was the major proponent. Indeed, he feared that breaking up intermarried families could spark unrest, though he initiated the final roundup of Berlin Jews, including those married to Gentiles. Heinrich Himmler, in charge of "racial purification," was eager to include intermarried Jews and their mixed-parentage children in the "Final Solution," but Goebbels resisted crossing into the extra-sensitive area of separating families.

Moreover, Hitler overruled the Reich Security Main Offices plan to deport *Mischlinge*, and, five months later, in January 1942, half the infamous Wannsee meeting was taken up with a discussion of what to do about *Mischlinge*, before the participants decided to postpone their deportation for "political reasons."

(These distinctions only applied to intermarried couples in Germany. Those in the Eastern European lands Germany conquered, including German spouses, were murdered, another indication of how concerned the Nazis were with public opinion at home, according to Stoltzfus.)

Goebbels' interest in preserving public passivity extended to the Berlin roundup. Though he wanted to make an example of the Reich capital, where more than half of all intermarried German couples lived, he understood that conditions there were different: the population was more cosmopolitan and the eyes of the world news media were focused on it. Still, he could count on some compliance. Before the mass apprehensions, he called in editors of the Swedish press in Berlin and ordered them not to report anything about the upcoming operation. And

even the Catholic establishment, which had flexed its muscles to resist the regime before, provided the authorities with lists of intermarried couples and their children.

As the regime tightened the noose around the intermarried Jews, their spouses demonstrated strength of character. They were not just responding to their fears for loved ones. Stoltzfus writes, they were not acting on narrow self-interest but were resisting the regime in the fullest sense of the word. Their vigil and their shouts on Rosenstrasse came precisely when the dictatorship was at its cruelest, underscoring the inherent bravery of their act.

Even before their ultimate showdown with the Reich, these women resisted it daily in the course of feeding and protecting their families. In fact, simply by buoying the battered spirits of those closest to them, they formed the front line of defense against Nazi intentions.

Stoltzfus introduces us to Charlotte Israel, whose husband Julius survived the war largely because of her single-minded dedication to protecting him. Israel plays a larger-than-life role in the book, welcoming other intermarried couples into the Israel's growing circle of friends. When Jews were barred from pursuing their careers, entering places of entertainment and taking part in aspects of public life, Charlotte made them feel at home in her apartment; she hosted evenings of music, at which the talented Julius played piano. She raced energetically and selflessly to holding points around Berlin during the final roundup to bring food and toiletries to friends who had been picked up. Her recollections, along with those of the other brave women of Rosenstrasse, help us share their humiliations and small but fleeting successes. More than providing a crucial historical analysis of the political and social context that weighed them down, Stoltzfus pays glowing tribute to their superhuman tenacity in overcoming hardships that could easily have consumed their spirit.

Stoltzfus also uses archival sources and combs through earlier scholarship - the resulting endnotes are often as fascinating as the text itself - but he brings a new perspective to it all: that of the small-scale family heroes and heroines who waited out the 12 years it took for the "Thousand-Year Reich" to pass into ignominy.

This excellent volume is more than just testimony to the period's crimes. It is a solemn testament to the courage of the few, and a damning indictment of the cowardice and complicity of the many.

BURNING THE DAYS: RECOLLECTION by James Salter. New York, Random House, 365 pp. \$24.

By Richard Eder

Not "Recollections." Not "A Recollection." Simply "Recollection," as a man might say, "Death," "Loss," "Sorrow" for a penitential phenomenon he grits his teeth to face. James Salter's memoir, *Burning the Days: Recollection*, is written uphill, an account delivered not to himself but, as if concealing assets, to the autobiographical equivalent of a tax auditor. Remembering can be treacherous; it means launching oneself in a raft upon a powerful current to the past. Salter's raft is equipped with steering gear and reverse thrusters. Admittedly, this may be too obvious an image for a novelist who spent part of his life as a jet-fighter pilot. The point is that his memoir is not borne along but maneuvered.

Salter has not written a great deal, but two of his books, at least, are classics: *A Sport and a Pastime*, a feverishly compressed, exquisitely controlled story of a love affair in France, and *Dusk*, a collection of short stories that seem to deserve the word "perfect." So does one section of this memoir, an account of air warfare in Korea that stands as a masterpiece of combat writing in this century.

Perfection is a risky thing. It is at a pole remove from life, and although nobody can legislate the mix of perfection and life required for great literature, it is clear that a mix there must be. Of course in a memoir, life demands the larger share.

Salter's artistic credo is that of Yeats's "Sailing to Byzantium": to sing not as nature's jingling bell but as one fashioned of jeweled clockwork. It is not the recipe for a great memoir. It excludes the casual, the contingent, the uncertain and even, sometimes, a humdrum need to explain.

An anonymous biographical note in the Modern Library edition of *A Sport and a Pastime*, for example, tells us that a long first marriage ended in divorce, and that Salter now lives with Kay Eldridge, a playwright. The memoir more or less veils this; not from discretion, it seems, but from some cause at a middle distance between Salter's literary aesthetics and his privacy.

The reader may enter my workshop, he implies, but has no business in my kitchen. Which, again, is not the best thing for a memoir. If one touch of nature makes the world kin, there is not the slightest chance that we will call Salter "cuz." We will call him a brilliant writer, engaged in a task at which his particular talent sometimes shines and often sticks part-frozen. The frozen parts of *Burning the Days*, in fact, may be the most revealing, although not the most successful.

The childhood section is one of the childless, and Salter circles it warily. Born in 1924 - almost exactly contemporary with Norman Mailer, which is as odd to think of as Henry James and Walt Whitman passing each other on 14th Street - he was brought up in New York City. His father was a flamboyant and mostly prosperous builder. "I never felt the absence of his love"

- there is pain and perhaps his entire literary future in that double negative - "only of his interest." A cold start and for a while Salter fends off those early years by avoiding the use of "I." Memorizing poetry at his private school, he writes, "one learned the heroic language." Soon "I" is admitted but, throughout, Salter writes of himself as a kind of third person to whom things happen, even such things as lust, valor and anguish. The women, who are many and beautiful, are fourth persons happening to the third.

On Air Force leave in Paris, "we went upstairs with three girls apiece"; in Morocco, an expensive prostitute walks him to the brothel gate and gives him her address; in Rome he has an affair with the former mistress of Egypt's King Farouk in California ("the Coast, the fabled Coast"), it is "girls with hair blowing and sunbrowned limbs." Objectified is hardly the word. The women, even one or two he says he loved, are barely inflections of Salter's self-portrait.

The vivid and loving portraits are of men. Life is a man's affair in Salter's sensibility, whether enduring West Point's bleak training, flying, flying fighter jets in Korea, making love to women - love is war by other means or, in the terror and exhilaration of aerial combat, war is love by other means - breaking into literary life in Paris and New York or being the father of a daughter killed in an accident. (It is the closest he comes to intimacy. Suddenly he stops being the writer he is but, because he can't be any other kind, he tells us: "I reach a certain point and can't go on.") The company of men nourishes Salter, and men's heroism inspires him. It is a special heroism that requires style, courage, grace and artistry, whether in a fighter pilot or in a magazine editor. Success is not important; gallant failure, preferably in a far-fetched venture, rates higher. Like Scaramouche, his heroes are born with "a sense that the world was mad."

For several years he worked with

Robert Emmett Gimra, a film producer whose high prosperity gradually dwindled. At first, they flew first-class to Europe; later, in the first row of economy. When the plane braked to land, Gimra's shoes slid forward under the partition. "At least they're in first class," he observed. Salter notices that the shoes were hand-made, with a nail coming through the sole.

If he casts a cold eye on success, he is susceptible to fame. Names drop, not always with characters attached to them. The weaker parts of the memoir exercise a kind of celebrity-intimacy that is entirely worthy of Tina Brown's *New Yorker*, which excerpted the memoir's film-days section. The writing goes pulpy.

He has breakfast with Roman Polanski and the late Sharon Tate and massages the intimacy. "The previous night had been frenzy and excess; the morning, freshness and reason." After Tate's murder, he thinks of Polanski, "I felt the sorrow for him that one feels for kings." Which kings? The ruler is tempted to mutter: Carl Gustav of Sweden? Hsuanbul of Thailand? The Hapsburg claimant? Kong?

There are quieter, better-sketches portraits of New York literary figures little known to the public but, like Salter himself, revered by those acquainted with their work. There is the late Robert Phelps, a quirky man of quicksilver particulars. Meeting him was like starting a love affair, Salter writes. And there is Ben Sonnenberg, whose *Grand Street* was the finest literary magazine of our time until, entirely disabled by multiple sclerosis, he turned it over to a successor.

If other sections of the memoir are a mix of superb and mannered writing and of the author's conflicting impulses to embellish his glided armor and to relinquish it, the Korean portion is remarkable without qualification.

Salter depicts an alternate world: a battle at supersonic speeds between adversaries using evolving techniques that make terrifying and unpredictable demands on the pilots and that reverse the winners and losers in an instant. Salter displays heroes as strange outside their brief universe as medieval knights would be today. His prose is in flight, and so are they. At 20,000 feet, he found a subject to match his lofty style. (Los Angeles Times)



James Salter

A true farce

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BOOK BYTES

THE BIBLE is one hot read," says Jonathan Kirsch, commenting on his controversial new book, *The Harlot by the Side of the Road: Forbidden Tales of the Bible* (Rider), reviewed in *The Post* on August 22. Kirsch, a Los Angeles lawyer and literary critic specializing in Bible studies, adds: "I offer these stories as a way of reminding people that the Bible is a much earlier, lustier book than we are conventionally allowed to see."

He recalls that he first noticed the sex and violence when reading the Good Book to his child as a bedtime story. The text embarrassed him and forced him to censor out its more lurid passages. The clergy have widely attacked Kirsch, and he retaliates unrepentantly. "These stories have been largely ignored by priests, ministers and rabbis in a conspiracy of silence because they are too hot to handle." He also lays blame at the feet of "tacit translators" who have omitted or bowdlerized the graphic details included in the original Hebrew.

FOURTEEN long letters that D.H. Lawrence wrote to Juliette Huxley, the beautiful sister-in-law of Aldous, came under the auctioneer's hammer in June. The correspondence was penned over a year and a quarter, and ended eight months before Lawrence died from tuberculosis in March 1930 at age 44.

Lawrence's letters, revealing both an unhappy and unhealthy man, came at the time when the storm over *Lady Chatterley's Lover* blew up. The novel, printed in Italy and confiscated by English customs, was the first book prosecuted under the Obscene Publications Act.

From Bernese, Switzerland, he wrote, "People in England make me so mad with one thing and another especially Lady C that I'd

feel downright ill if I saw those dirty cliffs of Dover just now." The letters, many in their original envelopes, were valued at \$35,000.

ANYONE WHO ever lived or studied in Edinburgh will no doubt know James Thin's Bookshop in South Bridge, close to the University's Old College. Many also knew James Thin, who died aged 73 in June.

In 40 years Thin expanded the business from one shop to a nationwide chain of 30. He was particularly attached to the antiquarian department, where right up to his death he could be seen wearing his "school blazer, his pockets bulging with notes, bills and other ephemera of his trade." Thin was a gifted linguist who spoke fluent Urdu, learned from his Gurkha regiment during the Second World War. In the 1960s he translated three volumes of Richard Bamberger's *Maerchenbuecher* from the German. The fairy tales were published by Penguin.

He was also an avid outdoorsman. He once skied across the Pentland Hills outside Edinburgh during a snowstorm to place an order for antiquarian books.

1997 marks the 200th anniversary of the conception of the epic poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." While Samuel Taylor Coleridge was tramping around the Quantocks with William Wordsworth on November 20, 1797, the two giants of English poetry hit on the idea that became Coleridge's greatest achievement.

In his new study, *Coleridge's Lunar Poem*, the scholar Morton Paley points out that Coleridge wrote all his best work in a two-year burst from 1797, whereupon Coleridge declared, "The poet is dead in me." He died 33 years later. But thanks to the hand of that ancient man, the "grey-beard loon," Coleridge's name lives on. David Brauner

HARDCOVER Fiction

1. *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love.
2. *The Best Laid Plans* by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow \$25.) The relationship between a powerful hungry governor and a woman determined to wreak revenge.
3. *Unnatural Exposure* by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam \$25.95.) Dr. Kay Scarpatta contends with a killer who uses a smallpox-like virus and cyberspace.
4. *Special Delivery* by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$18.95.) Romance comes to a mature couple.
5. *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.
6. *Phan Island* by Nelson DeMille. (Warner \$25.) A detective probes the murder of a Long Island couple who may have been involved in germ warfare research.
7. *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. (Random House \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.
8. *Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs. (Scribner \$24.) Dr. Temperance Brennan hunts a serial killer at large in Montreal.
9. *The Partner* by John Grisham. (Doubleday \$26.95.) The search for \$90 million stolen by a lawyer, believed dead, who is in hiding.
10. *If This World Were Mine* by E. Lynn Harris. (Doubleday \$26.95.) The bonds of four old classmates are strained when a stranger enters their lives.

HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
2. *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Henry Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer.
3. *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.
4. *The Gift of Fear* by Gavin de Becker. (Little Brown \$22.95.) Intuitive signals that can protect us from becoming victims of violence.
5. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
6. *Babyhood* by Paul Reiser. (Weisbach, Morrow, \$22.) The problems and pleasures of parenthood as perceived by the television star.
7. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.
8. *Conversations with God: Book 1* by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.
9. *Even the Stars Lock Lanes* by Maya Angelou. (Random House \$18.) Twenty essays on a variety of topics.
10. *The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longsight \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common.

PAPERBACK Fiction

1. *Cause of Death* by Patricia Cornwell. (Berkley \$7.50.) Dr. Kay Scarpatta investigates the mysterious death of a reporter.
2. *The Laws of Our Fathers* by Scott Turow. (Warner \$7.99.) The trial of a probation officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 1960s.
3. *Legend* by Jude Powers. (Pocket \$6.99.) A bride-to-be in modern-day Virginia suddenly finds herself in 18th-century Colorado.
4. *Songs in Ordinary Time* by Mary McGarry Morris. (Penguin \$13.95.) A divorced woman and her three children are menaced by a con man.
5. *Dark Paradise* by Tami Hoag. (Bantam \$6.50.) A woman vacationing in Montana becomes the target of a stalker.
6. *Executive Orders* by Tom Clancy. (Berkley \$7.50.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the president and most of the government.
7. *The Regulators* by Richard Bachman. (Signet \$7.99.) Killings and other horrors disrupt a quiet suburban town in Ohio.
8. *Above and Beyond* by Sandra Brown. (Mira \$6.99.) The troubled courtship of a widow by her late husband's best friend.
9. *Silent Witness* by Richard North Patterson. (Ballantine \$7.99.) Two murder cases change the lives of men and women who grew up in a small Midwestern town.
10. *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon. (Penguin \$11.95.) Volume 1 of *The Mitford Years* about life in a North Carolina town.

PAPERBACK Non-fiction

1. *The Heart of a Woman* by Maya Angelou. (Bantam \$12.) Volume 4 of the poet's autobiography.
2. *The Color of Water* by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.
3. *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&S \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.
4. *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A young man obsessed by the wilderness has a tragic end in Alaska.
5. *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Homeholders sue industrial polluters.
6. *Diana: Her True Story* by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The first 30 years of the Princess of Wales.
7. *Repeating Ophelia* by Mary Pipher. (Ballantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.
8. *Spontaneous Healing* by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.
9. *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman. (Bantam \$13.95.) Factors other than IQ that make for a successful life.
10. *Hanson* by Jill Matthews. (Archway/Pocket \$3.99.) The story of the pop-rock group composed of three young brothers.

PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

1. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.
2. *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
3. *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$6.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
4. *Chicken Soup for the Women's Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Reif Hawthorne, and Marci Shimoff. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.

HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

1. *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.
2. *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Ban Breathnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.
3. *The Zone* by Barry Sears with Bill Lawren. (Regan Books/HarperCollins \$23.) Diets to prevent disease and improve mental health.
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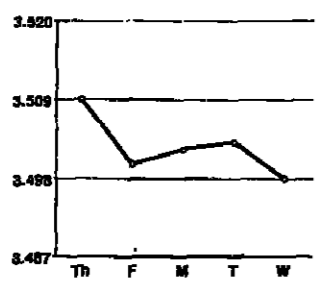
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4. **Cause of Death** by Patricia Cornwell. Berkley, Warner.
5. **Critical Judgment** by Michael Palmer. Bantam.
6. **Maitin's Movie** and **Video Guide 1998** by Leonard Maltin. Signet.
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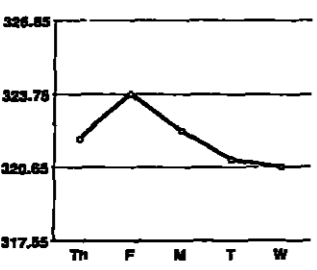
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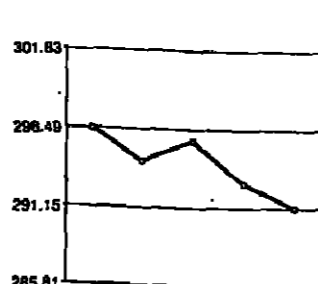
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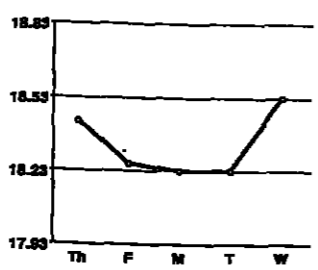
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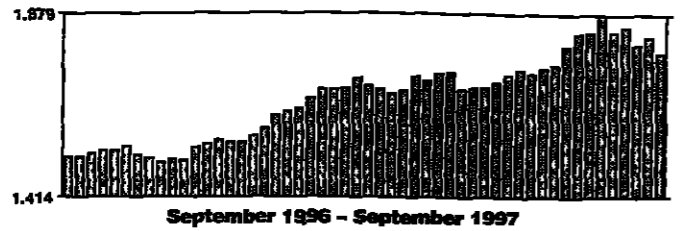
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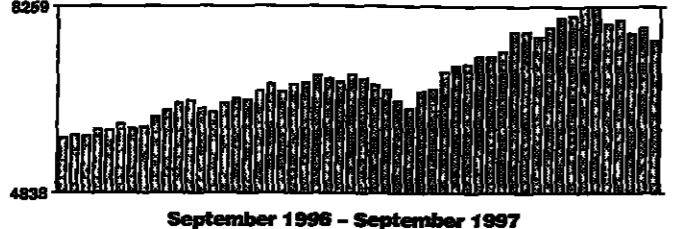
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Israeli banks warrant to trade in Luxembourg

Ilanot Banucha Investment house said yesterday that the British Investment Bank, ING Barings, will issue a new call warrant next week on Israeli banks, which will be traded on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The one-year option is composed of a basket of Israeli banks, with Bank Hapoalim representing 40 percent, Bank Leumi 35%, Israel Discount Bank 15% and the First International Bank of Israel 10%.

Shimon Elkabetz, managing director of Ilanot Banucha said that the issue would be for up to \$10 million.

ING will be the market maker for the option, which can be purchased by Israeli investors in dollars or shekels. The trading hours will be similar to those of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Monday to Thursday.

Daniella Finn, head of sales at Ilanot Banucha said that Barings has issued similar warrants in the past on Greek banks.

"They [Barings] had a good experience in the past with such products and now they want to try it with Israeli banks," Dan Gerstenfeld

Hotel turnover down 5% in first half

In real terms, the country's hotels had a turnover of 5 percent less during the first half of this year than during the first six months of 1996, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

Total turnover amounted to NIS 1.9 billion during the six-month period, a rise of 4 percent in nominal terms, but which was actually a drop after adjusting for inflation.

About half of the turnover was received from tourists in foreign currency, a drop of 10 percent compared to last year's first half. Haim Shapiro

Caltex, Dor seek joint Oil Refineries bid

By DAVID HARRIS

Texas-based Caltex Petroleum Corp. and Dor Energy are considering a joint bid to purchase Oil Refineries Ltd. once it is offered for sale by the Government Companies Authority. Dor spokesman Roni Wolf said yesterday.

The two companies are considering bidding for a \$50 million contract to supply jet fuel at Israel's airports.

Oil Refineries, with annual sales of more than \$2 billion, is Israel's second largest state asset.

Once either of these schemes are implemented, Caltex will become the first foreign oil company to enter Israel.

Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman confirmed on Tuesday that he and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had held talks on Sunday with representatives of a major foreign oil company regarding a \$50m. investment, while a confidante of Netanyahu confirmed the talks were with Caltex. The multinational's corporate communications director, Paul Murphy, said that senior representatives of the company had

recently been in Israel. Asked if Caltex intends buying into Dor, Wolf said he cannot confirm this, but he did not deny it.

"The two companies are currently investigating other opportunities for joint work overseas," said Wolf.

Caltex would make a logical partner for Dor in bidding for ownership of Oil Refineries, according to Wolf. Caltex already owns 15 fuel refineries and two lubricant refineries.

Oil Refineries, under chairman Ovadia Eli, recorded NIS 3,777m. net profits last year and has total

assets of NIS 4,622 billion. The company manufactures the entire range of petroleum products and bitumen and is a major supplier of raw materials to the petrochemical industry.

Most of Israel Corp.'s overall income comes from its 26% percent stake in Oil Refineries. The remainder of the company is owned by the state. Oil Refineries is currently preparing for privatization, and the firm may be split into two separate companies, one based in Haifa, the other in Ashkelon.

Established in 1988 by the

Dankner Group, Dor now holds an 18% share of the domestic fuel market. Dor's turnover is expected to reach about \$450m. this year.

The possible entry of Caltex entering the local market is being warmly welcomed by industry sources.

Caltex - a joint venture of Chevron and Texaco - refines and markets petroleum in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Rim. Through its subsidiaries, Caltex markets petroleum products through a network of more than 18,000 retail outlets in 30 countries. It has annual sales of \$16b.

Gov't: Company sales up 1,200% in 1997

By DAVID HARRIS

Receipts from the sales of government companies, including options and dividends, will total NIS 8.6 billion this year, a 1,200 percent increase on the NIS 703.5 million received during 1996, according to the Government Companies Authority (GCA).

Speaking at the official publication of the 1996 GCA report, director-general Tsipi Livni said that so far this year the government has sold off state assets worth some NIS 7.2 billion.

It is the GCA's intention to sell El Al during 1998 as part of the government's stated intention to earn at least NIS 4b. from privatization next year, said Livni. El Al's directors met on Monday to discuss the sale of the company, ahead of an upcoming meeting of the ministerial committee on privatization, which is scheduled to discuss the controversial sale.

The planned sale of the airline has so far been beset by problems, including its ongoing losses, workers' protests and the question of Shabbat flights.

Other companies currently being prepared for privatization include:

- Zim - the sale is currently under discussion with the controlling interest, Israel Corporation.
- Afridar - a professional report on the company has just been handed in to the GCA.
- Lod and Ramle's District Development Company - the sale has been approved by the ministerial committee and will be shortly brought before the Knesset Finance Committee.

- The Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Corporation, Industrial Development Bank of Israel and Tadmor. Outside advisers are now investigating the readiness of the following companies for privatization.

It seems highly unlikely that Israel Electric Corp. will be sold in the near future. Livni told reporters the opening of the energy sector to greater competition is more important than the IEC sale.

"We are considering privatization [of IEC], but not including the transfer of the controlling shares," said Livni.

The 1996 report shows the

declining involvement of the government in the economy, a key aim of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. As a percentage of the gross domestic product, government companies contributed 3.48%

year. At the same time, exports from the state sector, as a percentage of Israel's total exports, increased 0.4% to 15%.

"The receipts from privatization are not what is important, but removing the government from the economy," said Livni.

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Investec Bank plans huge TASE investment

Globes News Service

Investec Bank of South Africa intends to make an initial investment of hundreds of millions of dollars on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Denis Davis, a director of the bank and tax adviser to the South African government, said yesterday.

Israel was selected as an investment target because of the high respect for its sustained growth despite current economic and security problems.

"In comparison with the appalling level of crime in South Africa, Israel's security problems, such as Ras al-Amud, don't worry South African investors," Davis said.

South Africans believe that, in conditions of regional peace, Israel will be the "Switzerland of the Middle East." If peace does not come, this advantage will be lost, but Israel will still be attractive from an economic point of view.

A real annual profit in the 10-20% range is considered excellent, and a decision on further

investment will be made in the light of the returns, said Davis.

The South African government announced foreign currency liberalization in July this year, and removed some restrictions on companies' overseas activity.

Consequently, Investec Bank is now investigating a number of possibilities for a package of investments on the TASE, among them, the setting up of a country fund for Israel which will purchase shares of Israeli companies.

"We have still not devised the investing mechanism," said Davis. "Investec Bank is considering new ways of packaging investments in Israel for South Africans, as we believe that the companies on the TASE are being traded below their true value."

"We have important advantages. We are the largest, and the dominant, private bank in South Africa, and have access to serious investors," he said.

The investments on the TASE will be made through a general bank 60% owned by Investec Bank.



Livni: Reducing government involvement

PROSPECTUS PIA-TARGET-(MATARA) MUTUAL FUND

Notice regarding the publication of a prospectus

Fund Manager Leumi-PIA Trust Management Company Ltd. (Member of the Bank Leumi le-Israel Group of Companies)

Open Fund

The Fund is an "Open Fund" as defined by the Joint Investments Trust Law, 5754-1994 (in this Prospectus "the Law").

Offering of Units to Foreign Residents* Only

Under Section 31(b)(2) of the Law, the following is a statement concerning the publication of a Prospectus, which contains:

An unlimited number of registered Fund units of a nominal value of one U.S. dollar (hereinafter - "dollar") are offered at the unit price, as determined from time to time, plus a 1% or less increment as detailed in Chapter A of this Prospectus. The said units are being offered commencing 18 September 1997 until 17 September 1998, and will, subject as provided in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Chapter A of the Prospectus, be sold on those days when trading takes place in Israel and abroad as defined in paragraph 1(a) of Chapter A of the Prospectus. Payment for the units shall be made only in dollars out of a non-resident foreign currency deposit account of a foreign resident.

The Fund's Investment Policy and transactions for the Fund (see Chapter F of the Prospectus)

- The Fund Agreement provides that:
 - The Fund will invest only in securities and options in which investment is permitted according to the law and Regulations as well as the special permits of the Controller of Foreign Currency, granted from time to time, which permit foreign residents to purchase the Fund units in foreign currency deposited in a non-resident foreign currency deposit account and deposit in such deposit account, the payments payable to them and the proceeds of redemption of their units in the Fund, so long as such special permits will be necessary.
 - Subject as mentioned above, and to the provisions of paragraph 3(f) of Chapter F of the Prospectus and of any law, the Fund Manager may invest the Fund's resources in his exclusive discretion and is empowered also to fix the cash amount to be comprised in the Fund assets, from time to time.
- Unless the Fund Manager's Board of Directors resolves otherwise, and subject to the provisions of the law and the Fund Agreement, the Fund's investment policy will be flexible.
- Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Fund Manager may purchase for the Fund, foreign securities and options traded abroad (in this Prospectus called "foreign options") at a rate not exceeding 75% of the net value of the Fund assets, provided the investment in options does not exceed the rate mentioned in paragraph 4 below (see also paragraph 3(a) of Chapter F of the Prospectus).
- Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the value of the options held by the Fund, with the exception of Maof Portfolio options (options Call 1), will not exceed 10% of the net value of the Fund assets, and the value thereof, together with the value of option warrants held in the Fund, will not exceed 20% of the net value of the Fund assets (see also paragraph 3(b) of Chapter F of the Prospectus). Details of the nature of, and the risks attached to, Options and investing therein, and the writing thereof, are set out in paragraph 1(f) of Chapter F of the Prospectus.
- The Fund Manager may carry out the following transactions, subject to the provisions of the Law (but see the Fund's investment policy set out in paragraph 1(a) above):
 - Purchase, sale and writing of options and futures contracts.
 - Effecting a sale short.
 - Lending or signing a leading agreement of securities, for the purpose of a sale transaction effected short provided this is not for any other fund being managed by it.

The Fund's Major Investments in the year ended 30.6.1997 and in the year ended 30.6.1996

The average major investments of the Fund (according to holdings at the end of each month) in the year ended 30.6.97 and the year ended 30.6.96 were as follows:

	Year ended 30.6.97	Year ended 30.6.96
	as a % of net value of Fund's assets	
Foreign bonds	52	49
Foreign shares	19	18
Shares traded in Israel	13	13
Cash in foreign currency	13	16

Data concerning the yield of the Fund's Units in correlation to the changes in various indices:

as published in Stock Exchange's list:	Rate of Change in year ending	
	30.6.97	30.6.96
in Dollar terms	13.9	6.5
Index of shares traded on the TASE	45.2	0.1
Consumer Price Index (as per the index relating to the last month of each period)	8.4	12.9
Representative rate of exchange of the \$	12.0	8.5

Permit of the Controller of Foreign Currency to operate the Fund

The Permit of the Foreign Currency Controller which contains various conditions for operating the Fund, appears in Appendix F to this Prospectus. The permit will expire on 31 December 1998 unless extended prior to its expiration.

"Unrestricted Fund" (see Chapter N of the Prospectus)

The Fund is an "unrestricted fund". Details of the tax provisions applicable to an unrestricted fund are set out in section 6 of Chapter O of the Prospectus, under the heading "Taxation" (see Chapter N of the Prospectus).

Cumulative Fund

Unless otherwise decided by the Fund Manager's Board of Directors, the Fund will be cumulative and accordingly, the Fund Manager will not be entitled to make payments to the unit holders.

Annual Fees of Fund Manager and Trustees (see Chapter J of this Prospectus)

Under the Fund Agreement, the Fund Manager is entitled to receive an annual fee equivalent to 4% of the average annual value of the Fund's assets as calculated for the purpose of fixing the unit price but, unless otherwise decided by the Fund Manager, it will receive an annual fee equal to 1.5% of the aforementioned value.

The Trustee is entitled, under the Fund Agreement, to receive, and receives, an annual fee equal to 0.2% of the abovementioned value.

Expressions used in the Prospectus

Expressions used in the Law and in the Regulations made thereunder, will bear the same meanings when used in this Prospectus, save where the context otherwise requires.

English Translation

The Hebrew version of the Fund Agreement, certificates of participation in the Fund and of the Prospectus are the exclusively binding text. The translator of the Prospectus has certified that the English translation of the Prospectus is a faithful translation of the Hebrew original (the certificate appears in Appendix I of the Prospectus).

Requests for Fund units will be submitted to the Fund Manager by the central operations department of Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M., at 4 Lilienblum Street, Tel Aviv, and the members of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. A copy of the Prospectus and copies of the permits for its publication were submitted to the Registrar of Companies. Copies of the Prospectus can be acquired at any Bank Leumi le-Israel branch, and from securities agents who are members of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Date of the Prospectus: 17 Eshvat 5757

18 September, 1997.

The Trustee: Kesselman & Kesselman Trust Co. (1971) Ltd.

*In this Prospectus "Foreign Resident" is as defined in the Currency Control Law 5738-1978, and in the Currency Control Permit 5738-1978 as set out in Appendix E hereto, entitled to acquire units of this Fund.

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IMF sees longest period of global growth in 25 years

The world economy is likely to expand as much as 4.5 percent this year and next and is set for its longest period of sustained growth in at least 25 years, the International Monetary Fund said.

That compares with an average rate of growth in the global economy of 3.75% between 1970 and 1996, the IMF said.

The bullish forecast, tempered only by cuts in the fund's growth projections for Japan and Southeast Asia, reads like a primer for the so-called New Economy worldwide. Stable prices and moderate interest rates, most notably in the US, are creating an environment for sustainable growth at a rate not seen in a decade.

"The US economy continues to perform extremely well," said Michael Mussa, the IMF's research director. "It's an extremely positive picture for the world economy this year, but of course there are some areas of concern."

For the year ahead, better-than-expected growth in the US, Canada and Italy, will be mitigated by a slowdown in Japan and developing nations in Asia and Africa, the IMF said in its latest *World Economic Outlook*, released today.

The US economy should grow 3.7% this year and 2.6% in 1998, cooled in part by expected Federal Reserve interest-rate increases, the IMF forecast. Mussa said he expects the Fed to raise interest rates by as much as 50 basis points in the next six months to keep inflation at bay in the face of strong domestic demand.

"Unless the growth rate of domestic demand slows down, we're going to reach a point where the inflation rate is going to rise," he said.

Both US growth estimates are higher than the IMF's last estimate in May of a 3.0% expansion this year and 2.2% in 1998. In contrast, Japan's growth estimate for this year was cut in half, to 1.1%, from May's estimate of 2.2%, the IMF said. Growth in 1998 is also likely to be less than earlier forecast - 2.1%, not 3.0% as the IMF estimated in May.

Analysts said they find the annual IMF report useful for background purposes, even if it proves not to be market moving.

"It's a good chance to stand back and look at what's going on in the globe," said James Glassman, chief domestic economist at Chase Securities in New York.

The absence of major imbalances in the global economy helps explain the expected pickup in the world's gross domestic product to an annual rate of growth as high as 4.5% rate this year and next, stronger than the average rate of growth in the world economy since 1970 - 3.75%. And IMF economists saw nothing to prevent the global economy from continuing to grow near that pace through the year 2002.

For one thing, governments throughout the world are trimming budget deficits with "increasing determination," the IMF said. And even though economies in Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America have been roiled recently by currency volatility, the IMF doesn't see a warning flag there for the world as a whole.

"Exchange rates among the major currencies, taking account of relative cyclical conditions, are generally within ranges that appear to be consistent" with the IMF's growth forecast, according to the economic outlook.

Movements in those currencies since 1995 "have corrected earlier misalignments," the IMF said, echoing the official policy position of the Group of Seven industrialized nations. "The present configuration is generally helpful and appropriate."

Above all, though, low inflation plays the key role in the rosy outlook. In the US, where the economy is in its seventh year of expansion, consumer prices rose at a 1.6% annual pace for the first eight months of the year. That's half of the inflation rate for the same period a year ago, and much lower than the 2.4% inflation rate the IMF projects for the US this year. It's the best inflation showing in the US since 1986, when oil prices dropped - and it could continue.

Worldwide, the IMF expects oil prices to drop 5.1% this year and 1.8% in 1998 in dollar terms.

Non-fuel commodities prices will likely fall 2.7% this year and 2.7% in 1998. Consumer prices are expected to rise 2.2% this year and 2.3% in 1998 in industrialized nations, compared with a 10.0% jump this year and an 8.9% gain next year in developing nations, the IMF said.

"A high degree of price stability remains an impressive achievement shared by almost all of the advanced economies," the IMF said. To be sure, inflation could reemerge, especially in light of a surge in worldwide stock markets that may be based on "unrealistic expectations" that profits will keep growing and interest rates will remain low, the IMF said.

The world's 10 best-performing stock market indexes are all up better than 40% during the past year, led by the emerging markets of eastern Europe and Latin America.

Moscow's Russian/Skats Press index quadrupled in value during the past 12 months.

Questions also remain about whether the European Monetary Union will result in the euro currency being in place on schedule in January 1999. If European growth slows, unemployment will rise, forcing some member nations to resort to fiscal policies at odds with the requirements of EMU, the IMF said.

Capital flows to emerging market nations may also slow after Thailand's devaluation of the baht on July 2. That caused Asian currencies and stocks to tumble by as much as a fifth in dollar terms in less than three months. Even so, the fund is now estimating developing countries in Asia will grow 7.6% this year, down from a May estimate of 8.2%.

"Growth will clearly be substantially below potential in the Thai economy and somewhat below potential elsewhere in southeast Asia," Mussa said. "Generally in the region our growth forecasts have been written down 3 to 4 percentage points for the next two years."

The forecast for African developing countries was also ratcheted down, to 3.7% this year from May's forecast of a 4.6% growth rate.

Yamaichi banned from underwriting as execs arrested

Japanese authorities arrested five Yamaichi Securities Co. executives and banned the brokerage from underwriting government bonds on suspicion it made illegal payoffs to a corporate racketeer.

Yamaichi, Japan's fourth-largest brokerage, is suspected of making about \$650,000 in illegal payments to Ryuichi Koike.

"I apologize from the bottom of my heart," said Yamaichi President Shohei Nozawa. "I'd like to hide in a hole if there was one."

Yamaichi is the third major Japanese financial company, after Nomura Securities Co. and Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. It is accused of paying off Koike. Japanese media also say Daiwa Securities Co. and Nikko Securities Co. are being investigated over links to Koike.

Yesterday's arrests come at a bad time for Yamaichi. The scandal is driving away customers and hurting the company's bond-underwriting business at a time when the brokerage is bracing for the sweeping "Big Bang" deregulation of the country's securities industry.

Nozawa, who was named president on August 11, said the ban on government-bond underwriting and bidding will make it "extremely difficult" for the brokerage to turn a profit this year. Yamaichi reported current, or pretax, profit of 1.22 billion yen for the year ended March

31. "Any extension of this situation will likely have a severe effect," Nozawa said.

It's not clear Yamaichi's managers have the skills and financial resources to prepare the company for an era of tougher competition, said Robert Garone, a securities industry analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson (Asia) Ltd.

"Now, they suddenly have another issue to deal with," he said.

Japan's securities watchdog this morning said it filed criminal complaints against Yamaichi, five executives and Koike. The regulator - the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission - said the five admitted to authorizing payments to Koike.

Police arrested Mitsuharu Matsushita, 55, a director and former manager of Yamaichi's Tokyo area sales department, and Shunji Suesada, 48, a director and former manager of the brokerage's stocks division. They also arrested three former executives - Shigeo Sekimoto, 56, a former manager in Yamaichi's stock department; Shigetaro Iwasa, 66, former manager in the general affairs department; and Hidekuni Iyama, 58, former senior managing director in charge of equities.

Investigators raided the Tokyo headquarters of Yamaichi, a \$3.3 billion a year company, on

July 30. Eleven top Yamaichi executives resigned last month to take responsibility for the scandal.

Koike, 54, has already been charged with extorting about \$3 million from Nomura Securities Co., Japan's biggest brokerage, and obtaining a quarter of a billion dollars in loans without proper collateral from Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. The Japanese press has reported for months that Daiwa Securities Co. and Nikko Securities Co., the other two of Japan's Big Four brokers, also paid off Koike and that raids are imminent.

That would mean all four of Japan's biggest brokerages and its fourth-largest bank are linked to Koike, a type of racketeer known as a *sokaiaji* in Japan. The breadth of the scandal and the huge amount of loans from Dai-ichi Kangyo make this Japan's biggest *sokaiaji* scandal.

Yamaichi shares rose 15 yen to 240. They've gained about 15% over the past two days for reasons that traders say aren't clear. The Ministry of Finance said it will ban Yamaichi from underwriting government bonds and participating in government bond auctions. The ministry didn't say how long the punishment would last.

The ministry barred Nomura from selling new government bonds until the end of the year. While that will hurt Nomura, the same punishment will be

much worse for Yamaichi. It depends more heavily on this business than Nomura and it's posted operating losses in three of the last five years as the ailing stock market hurt business.

"It will be extremely difficult to turn a profit this year" as a result of the Finance Ministry punishment, Nozawa said at a press conference this evening.

With 7,500 employees, Japan's fourth-largest brokerage had operating profits of only \$13 million last year. Nomura earned about 80 times more with just a third more employees.

Yamaichi's still writing off losses made on land investment during the boom years of the late 1980s. When the bubble burst in the 1990s, its fees from underwriting and trading plunged. And the brokerage hasn't done well in new markets. Earlier this month the London operation said it will dismiss as many as 50 employees after losing almost \$16 million last year.

The brokerage could face further penalties for the gangster payoff scandal. The Finance Ministry could shut down some operations for several months as it did with Nomura.

The ministry barred Nomura from trading stocks for its own account and underwriting government bonds for five months. Nomura could lose more than a quarter of its revenue this year - revenue was \$4 billion last year - from this lost business and as customers flee the scandal. (Bloomberg)

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Shekel rises to a three-month high vs dollar

By DAN GERSTENFELD and agencies

The shekel rose to three-month high against the dollar yesterday falling below NIS 3.5 per dollar for the first time since the Bank of Israel announced a foreign exchange reform and a 1.2 percentage point cut in interest rates in June.

Dealers said that volume was low and the market was very quiet. They added that after the US currency fell below NIS 3.5 investors started buying dollars.

The shekel has been gradually gaining on the dollar since July and analysts say that high interest rates attract foreign currency into the market.

If the shekel continues to appreciate against the currency basket, the Bank of Israel will be forced to intervene soon in the foreign exchange market.

"If the shekel gains another 0.4% against the basket it will reach the lower limit of its trading band and the central bank will have to intervene," said one dealer.

Meanwhile, in Europe, the dollar fell against the yen, as an increase in Japan's trade surplus raised concern that the US will make a big issue of the trade imbalance at the Group of Seven nations meeting this weekend.

While most analysts say the US won't pressure Japan to push the yen up in an effort to shrink the trade surplus, traders are reluctant to buy dollars, just in case the Clinton administration does back off its strong dollar policy.

The dollar's strength contributes to Japan's surplus by making its exports cheaper in the US.

Japan reported yesterday that the trade surplus grew 51% in August from July and 114% from August 1996. Japan's surplus with the US rose 59.8% from a year ago, the 11th

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straight increase. A growing trade surplus helps the yen by putting more foreign currency into the hands of Japanese exporters who often sell the currency for yen.

"There is concern that someone from the US will express concern at the G-7 meeting about the slow progress Japan is making in generating

domestic-led growth, and that is hurting the dollar," said Richard Koss, market strategist at MFR Inc., a money management and consulting firm.

The dollar fell to 120.10 yen, from 121.17 yen late Tuesday in New York. Still, the dollar was little changed against the deutsche mark, at 1.7694 marks from 1.7682 marks.

Expectations that the Bundesbank will refrain from raising interest rates at its council meeting today bolstered the dollar.

With the German economy suffering from sluggish domestic demand and near-record unemployment, "it is very premature to expect a Bundesbank rate hike," said Marc Chandler, a currency strategist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

As for the yen, while Japan's expanding trade surplus is supporting the currency, its weak economy is holding the yen back.

"You still have the same basic story that the growth and interest-rate picture is good for the dollar, and the trade numbers are bad for the dollar," Koss said.

Japan's economy has struggled for the past six years, and yesterday Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Mitsuhashi said the central bank will continue its low interest-rate policy to boost the economy.

The BOJ's discount rate is at a record low of 0.5%. Further illustrating the economy's weakness, sales at Tokyo-area department stores slid for the fifth straight month in August from a year earlier. The consumer sector suffered from an April 1 sales tax increase.

"If it was simply based on economic fundamentals, the dollar would be higher against the yen," Chandler said. "It's political concerns about trade that are helping the yen."

TASE declines on Jerusalem dispute

stock that rose.

Israelis inside and outside government are pondering the country's presence in southern Lebanon. But the inflation numbers bolstered speculation that the Bank of Israel will leave October interest rates unchanged.

Israeli stocks dropped as investors expressed concern about Lebanon and about the government's efforts to resolve the Ras al-Amud dispute, even though recent economic statistics showing calmer inflation heartened investors.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks was off 0.57 percent at 291.15. The Mishkanim Index fell 0.67 to 283.01. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 20 stocks fell 1.3 percent to 96.79.

"All day the media is talking about an outbreak of violence and war," said Gidi Halpern, a portfolio manager at Meitav Ltd., referring to speculation that the continued presence of Jewish families in Ras al-Amud will result in bloodshed.

"It's the politics," said Ari Edelheit, trader at Zeller Avlagan in Tel Aviv. After August's consumer price index came in lower than expected, a potentially positive sign for stock investors, "the market went down," he said.

Edelheit sees the Maof Index staying under 300 for at least a month, until after the high holidays. Across the Tel Aviv exchange, some NIS 119.1 million worth of shares were traded. More than four shares dropped for every

one that rose.

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UK stocks rose for a third day, led by Glaxo Wellcome Plc and British Petroleum Plc, as US gains Tuesday eclipsed concern that UK interest rates may rise again this year. A series of UK economic reports suggesting the British economy may be growing briskly enough to accelerate inflation prompted higher interest rates on this side of the Atlantic, plus a sluggish open by US equities, failed to erase the bulk of the FT-SE 100's gains.

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Asia

The Japanese benchmark index fell to a five-month low, paced by banks amid concern the slide in Japanese share prices would erode banks' equity holdings and deplete their ability to write off bad loans.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 291.23 points, or 1.62%, to 17,683.27 - its lowest level since April 10. The broader Topix index of all shares on the first section fell 20.27 points, or 1.45 percent, to 1373.97.

"If we take 18,000 as a base, for each 1,000 points the Nikkei drops, banks lose 2.5 trillion yen (\$20.7 billion) in latent profits on their equity holdings. That can only delay write-offs of non-performing loans," said Kenji Karikomi, deputy general manager at Daiwa Securities Co.'s equity department.

The Nikkei 225 has fallen almost 14% or 2,700 points, in the past three months. Most companies, including Japan's major banks, close their books September 30 for the April-September half year.

An estimated 456 million shares traded, surpassing the six-month daily average of 400 million shares. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Speculative stocks set new highs again yesterday, but blue-chip shares edged lower after Tuesday's big rally despite another encouraging economic report.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which gained 175 points on Tuesday, meandered through the day, twice recovering from 30-point deficits, but finishing down 9.48 points at 7,886.44.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies set its fourth straight closing high and its 13th in 15 sessions.

Stocks started the day with a boost from the Treasury bond market, where interest rates fell for the fourth consecutive session.

Bonds rose after a report showing that construction of new housing unexpectedly slowed 4.8 percent.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,458 up, 1,392 down and 557 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 589.47 million shares vs. 635.77 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500-stock list fell 2.64 to 943.00, the NYSE composite index fell 0.48 to 493.21. The Nasdaq composite index fell 2.13 to 1,666.47. (AP)

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (17.9.97)

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Precious metals

Gold prices were little changed amid persistent concern that central banks around the world will continue to unload their holdings of the metal in favor of assets that offer higher returns.

Germany, the Netherlands, the UK, Switzerland and Portugal told Bloomberg News they were not responsible for a 200-ton sale that an industry research institute says is waiting to be disclosed. France, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Austria declined to comment.

Spot gold traded 10 cents lower at \$320.65 an ounce.

Energy

Brent crude oil futures prices were little changed, as rises in US crude supplies were offset by higher demand for heating fuels before cooler weather arrives, according to a key US inventory report.

Data released by the American Petroleum Institute showed crude supplies rose 1.5%, and while gasoline demand fell after the end of the holiday period, the report

COMMODITIES

Gold \$320.15 v 0.60%
Crude Oil \$18.57 v 0.01%
CRB 240.95 v 0.10%

showed a 23% rise in demand for heating oil and other distillates. With gasoline demand waning, refiners and traders now begin to focus on heating oil as the most important refined oil product.

High refinery output meant supplies still rose in the week ended September 12, though not as

BONDS

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Traders and investors will get more clues on the Fed's expectations for inflation and economic growth when the central bank releases its periodic report on regional economic conditions, also known as the beige book.

Fed officials will use the report during their deliberations on monetary policy at the September 30 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

The central bank last raised the target for overnight borrowing between banks in March, by a quarter point to 5.50%.

Waning expectations for higher Fed rates are reflected in futures on three-month Eurodollars. The implied yield on the December contract fell 8 basis points Tuesday to 5.81%, or 9 basis points above current three-month borrowing rate between banks, a sign less than half of investors see another rate increase by year-end.

For the first eight months of the year, consumer prices rose at a 1.6% annualized rate, half the rise in the same period last year. Slow inflation is good news for investors, because it means bonds' fixed payments will hold more of their value, and makes a Fed rate increase unlikely. (Bloomberg)

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SPORTS

in brief

Israel 54th in FIFA rankings

FIFA published its monthly rating of National sides yesterday. The top ten teams are currently Brazil, Germany, Romania, Holland, Denmark, Spain, England, Norway, Colombia and Argentina. Israel dropped eleven places to a world ranking of 54.

Ammanjah de Vries

Brive ordered to play Bath match

DUBLIN (Reuters) - French rugby union club Brive were on Wednesday ordered to play their European Cup match against Bath on Saturday.

The defending champions had requested a postponement of the Pool C game after they claimed three players - Christophe Lamaison, Philippe Carbonneau and David Venditti - were hurt in a bar-room brawl with Pontypridd players last Sunday.

But at an emergency meeting of the competition's organisers, the request was rejected and the game will go ahead at Bath's Recreation Ground in front of a full house.

Hill dumped by Arrows

LONDON (Reuters) - World champion Damon Hill was dropped yesterday by the Arrows motor racing team which announced Finland's Mika Salo will partner Brazilian Pedro Diniz next season.

Hill has made no secret of his wish to leave Arrows and last month said he had turned down an offer to drive for McLaren in 1998. He is now expected to join either the Frost or Jordan teams.

The Briton has scored Arrows' seven points this season and claimed a thrilling second place in the Hungarian grand prix.

But Hill, 37 later this week, has been critical of his car's set-up and was criticized in July by team director Tom Walkinshaw for not driving like a champion.

Cricketer charged after insult fracas

TORONTO (Reuters) - Canadian police charged Pakistani cricketer Inzamam-ul-Haq with three counts of assault on Tuesday after he allegedly clobbered a heckler with a cricket bat for calling him a "potato."

Ul-Haq, 27, was fielding in the second game of the India/Pakistan Sahara Cup series in Toronto on Sunday when witnesses said he jumped into the stands and attacked a spectator who had been taunting him with a megaphone, calling him "potato."

England rugby looks ahead to new era under Woodward

MARLOW (Reuters) - New England rugby union coach Clive Woodward met his squad for the first time yesterday with his sights already set on topping the Southern Hemisphere powers at the 1999 World Cup in Wales.

Woodward, team manager Roger Utley and New Zealander John Mitchell, named as Woodward's assistant, introduced themselves to the countries' 77 best players at a get-together at Bishan Abbey after the Rugby Football Union finally ended weeks of speculation about who would succeed Jack Rowell, who resigned last month.

Former England center Woodward, 41, only learned of his appointment on Monday but has already been the target of unkind words from former England manager Geoff Cooke, who raised doubts about his coaching experience.

"I guess it's like picking a 19-year-old to play for England. There is a risk," said Woodward, who has

signed a three-year contract despite never having been a full-time coach previously.

"Just because you've played for England doesn't make you a good coach and I'd like to think I'm not sitting here just because of that."

"It's a superb opportunity. There are a lot of very good players and we're in a strong position to go forward."

Woodward has only two months to prepare before England play four tests on consecutive Saturdays against Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. One of his first decisions will be who leads the team, with current incumbent Phil de Glanville under pressure in the job.

"I think Phil did an outstanding job last season but there are a lot of candidates," Woodward said.

Former England scrum half Richard Hill also has a part time role in the new set-up, headed at committee level by England stalwarts Fran Cotton and Bill Beaumont.

LONDON (AP) - Explosive Colombian Faustino Asprilla scored a hat-trick on two high-flying headers and converted a disputed penalty as Newcastle dumped Spanish giant Barcelona 3-2 last night, one of 12 matches which opened the new Champions League campaign.

The quick Colombian gave Newcastle a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute on a disputed penalty called on goalkeeper Rued Hesp as the Dutchman dived for a loose ball and Asprilla went down in a heap.

But there was no doubt about the other two goals against the Spaniards, who looked flat early in the match.

Asprilla got his second in the 31st as he jumped high and knocked in a header from six meters (yards) off a perfectly placed pass off the right wing from Keith Gillespie.

He got the third on an almost identical play in the 48th - again on a cross from Gillespie and again a header as Asprilla leaped skyward to score from eight meters (yards).

From that point Barcelona took charge and scored in the 73rd on a goal by Luis Enrique Martinez and another in the 89th by Luis Figo. Brazilian Rivaldo also hit the crossbar in the 79th and Christophe Dugary sailed a close-in header wide in the final seconds of injury time.

The other English side in the 24-team competition Manchester United got a 3-0 win in Kosice, Slovakia, on goals by Denis Irwin, Henning Berg and Andy Cole.

The English champions, who reached the semifinals last season, outplayed the Slovaks despite the



CONSOLATION EFFORT - Rosenborg's Mini Jakobsen tries to pass Real Madrid defender Fernando Hierro during their match last night. Jakobsen scored the Norwegian side's consolation goal in their 4-1 drubbing by the Spaniards.

absence of key players such as Ryan Giggs, Teddy Sheringham, Ole Solskjaer, Ronny Johnsen and David May.

Real Madrid, the other Spanish side in the Champions League, had better luck than Barcelona and har-

medered Norway's Rosenborg 4-1. Italian Christian Panucci made it 1-0 in Madrid in the seventh minute and Rosenborg's Mini Jakobsen equalized in the 22nd. Brazilian Ze Roberto and Spaniards Raul Gonzalez and Fernando Morientes

scored the other goals for Real Madrid.

In Turin, Juventus also overpowered Feyenoord Rotterdam 5-1 as Alessandro Del Piero scored two goals in eight minutes to pave the way. Juventus, the runner-up and the

winner the last two years of the Champions Cup, also got a goal in the 34th from Filippo Inzaghi, another in the 67th from Zinedine Zidane and the final one near the end by Alessandro Birindelli.

In Istanbul, defending champion Borussia Dortmund got off on the right foot beating Turkey's Galatasaray 1-0. A bad pass by Galatasaray's defense in the 74th minute gave the ball to Borussia Dortmund's Stephane Chapuisat. The Swiss striker had no trouble getting by the lone Galatasaray defender in the penalty area before scoring the winning goal.

In Munich, Bayern Munich won 2-0 over Besiktas of Turkey on goals by Thomas Helmer and Mario Basler in an otherwise lackluster match for the powerful Germans.

In Athens, a goal by Stelios Giannacopoulos in the first half gave Olympiakos Piraeus a 1-0 victory over Portugal's Porto.

In Lisbon, Sporting Lisbon beat Monaco 3-0 on goals from Oceano Cruz, Moroccan striker Mustapha Hadji and Brazilian international Leandro Machado.

In Leverkusen, Germany, midfielder Stefan Beinlich converted a controversial penalty in the 39th minute as Bayer Leverkusen won 1-0 over Belgian side Lierse SK.

In Eindhoven, two second-half goals sealed a surprise 3-1 victory for Dinamo Kiev over PSV Eindhoven. In two other games, Paris St Germain won 3-0 at home over Goteborg of Sweden and Parma of Italy played a 0-0 draw at Sparta Prague.

Hap. Petah Tikva return from Vienna with hope

By ORI LEWIS and agencies

Hapoel Petah Tikva return from Vienna today with some hope of achieving the unthinkable in two weeks' time - a berth in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

Although they were on the defensive for almost the entire match against Rapid Vienna, who won 1-0 through a first half goal by Oliver Freund, the return leg in Petah Tikva on September 30 could be a very different affair, as coach Nir Levin will have captain Benny Kozoshvili and Andrei Kristofic back at his disposal after both were suspended for Tuesday night's match.

Freund was on target in the 37th minute after a perfect cross from team mate Markus Puerk.

Rapid, who dominated throughout a stormy match in which 10 yellow cards were shown, were unable to cash in further on their numerous chances.

Samuel Ipoua came closest in the second half when he sent a header against a post.

Petah Tikva goalkeeper Shai Hess was the visitors' hero, keeping the deficit down to a bare minimum with some spectacular work between the posts.

Champions League results

Group A
Galatasaray (Turkey) 0 Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 (half-time 0-0)
Score: Stephan Lieke 73
Attendance: 30,000
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 3 (1-1)
Score: Yuri Morozov 22, Sergiy Rebrov 47, Andrei Sherstnev 70
Attendance: 30,000
Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0 Parma (Italy) 0
Attendance: 17,845

Group B
Real Madrid (Spain) 0 Manchester United (England) 3 (0-1)
Score: Denis Irwin 26, Henning Berg 61, Andy Cole 81
Attendance: 10,000
Juventus (Italy) 5 Feyenoord (Netherlands) 1 (3-0)
Score: Alessandro Del Piero 3, 11 pen, Filippo Inzaghi 34
Zinedine Zidane 61, Alessandro Birindelli 80
Feyenoord - Jean-Paul Van Gastel 57 pen
Referee: Angelo Di Livio (Trento) 57
Attendance: 15,000

Group C
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 3 (1-1)
Score: PSV Eindhoven - Wim Jonk 40
Dynamo Kiev - Yuri Morozov 22, Sergiy Rebrov 47, Andrei Sherstnev 70
Attendance: 30,000
Newcastle United (England) 3 Barcelona (Spain) 2 (2-0)
Score: Newcastle - Faustino Asprilla 22 pen, 31, 49
Barcelona - Luis Enrique 73, Luis Figo 89
Attendance: 34,000

Group D
Olympiakos (Greece) 1 Parma (Portugal) 0 (1-0)
Score: Stelios Giannacopoulos 6
Attendance: 75,000
Real Madrid (Spain) 4 Rosenborg Intradheim (Norway) 1 (1-1)
Score: Real Madrid - Christian Panucci 4, Ze Roberto 38, Raul 43, Fernando Morientes 83
Rosenborg Intradheim - Mini Jakobsen 14
Attendance: 33,000

Group E
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 Besiktas (Turkey) 0 (1-0)
Score: Thomas Helmer 3, Mario Basler 70
Attendance: 38,000
Paris St Germain (France) 3 FC Goteborg (Sweden) 0 (1-0)
Score: Bruno Roy 28, Teddy Lind 37 own goal, Kai Eli pen
Attendance: 24,100

Group F
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1 Lierse (Belgium) 0 (1-0)
Score: Stefan Beinlich 40 pen
Referee: Stefan Beinlich 77
Attendance: 22,500
Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 3 Monaco (France) 0 (2-0)
Score: Oceano Cruz 3, Mustapha Hadji 7, Leandro Machado 44
Attendance: 32,000

Beersheba take on Roda JC in Cup Winners' Cup

By AMMANJAH DE VRIES

Hapoel Beersheba will host the Dutch side Roda JC tomorrow in the first leg of their first-round European Cup Winners Cup tie. Beersheba beat Lithuanian side Zalgiris Vilnius in the second round of preliminary play, holding them to a goalless draw in Vilnius on August 14 and winning 2-1 in extra time at home a fortnight later. Beersheba have not been in prime form, but they can draw some hope after last Saturday's

league match when, playing with only 10 men - after Buchnik was sent off - managed to come back from 1-0 down to draw 1-1 with lowly Maccabi Tel Aviv. Dudu Hefer hit the equalizer for Beersheba. Striker Sharon Avitan also came close to scoring and played very well. Currently, however, Beersheba find themselves in eleventh position in the league, six points behind the leaders and only two points ahead of the teams in the relegation spots. The visitors, Dutch side Roda

JC, ended their 1995-96 season in fourth position in the league, which is relatively familiar to them. Roda's biggest achievement in the league last season was their 3-1 win over leaders PSV Eindhoven in June. The same season, they participated in the UEFA Cup, qualifying after ending the league in second place (behind Ajax Amsterdam) the previous season.

Since then they have lost one of their top scorers, Gerald Sibon, to Ajax, but continue to play well. In

a practice match against the German side Herzogenrath at the beginning of August, Roda effortlessly won 8-1. Assistant coach Eddy Achterberg came to watch Beersheba in action. He was particularly impressed by the two Sharons - forward Avitan and defender Buchnik.

The Beersheba management expects at least 6,000 supporters to watch the match which kicks off at 20:30.

There will be live commentary Radio 2.

EuroLeague basketball tourney begins tonight

Maccabi battles Limoges in home opener

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv launches its EuroLeague season tonight against Limoges at Yad Eliahu with the aim of returning to the Final Four for the first time since 1991.

It's quite a few years since Maccabi was one of the preeminent teams in Europe, and the club hopes that its off-season moves will finally bring it back to the continental pinnacle.

But the task will not be easy, as FIBA's draw has put Maccabi in the most difficult bracket.

The power-packed group includes defending European champion Olympiakos; perennial powerhouse Real Madrid, which won the EuroCup (secondary tournament) last season; CSKA Moscow, one season removed from a Final Four appearance; and Efes Pilsen, which reached the quarterfinals last season after eliminating Maccabi in the best-of-three Final-16 round.

Maccabi is fortunate to start with an easier opponent, and at home to boot. Last season Maccabi lost two of its first three home games. Although the team recovered to make the Final-16 with a 9-7 record, those early losses cost the Israelis a chance at the all-important home-court advantage in the best-of-three series.

Limoges, like Tel Aviv, reached the Final-16 last season, but this year's squad has been stripped of many of its weapons due to financial problems, and is certainly no longer the feared force which went 27-13 in final pool play from 1993-1995 en route to the 1993 European title and an appearance in the 1995 Final Four.

Gone from Limoges are super forward Yann Bonato, who was the team's leading scorer last season in the EuroLeague and went to the foul line (8.2 times a contest) twice as often as any Maccabi player.

Also no longer with the club are starting point guard Frederic Fortie, a remnant from the title team, and a series of foreign players. Limoges also let go its Yugoslav coach Bogdan Tanjevic and in his place hired Michel Gomez, who returns to the team after a seven-year hiatus.

Returning to the team this season are Croatian and former EuroLeague forward



HIGH HOPES - Will Randy White rise to the occasion again this season?

Nenad Markovic, small forward Hugues Occransey, and centers Jean Jacques Conceicao and 20-year-old Frederic Weis, who last season combined to average 13.5 points and 11.4 rebounds a game.

They are joined by foreigner Chris Smith, a guard who played with Nadav Henefeld at the University of Connecticut and has NBA experience; Maurice Smith, who played in the Belgian league last season; forward Rony Coco; and Willie Redden, a 37-year-old center who was on the 1993 title team but spent the past few years in Antibes.

What remains is a team which will find it tough to compete with the richer European clubs, or possible even mediocre clubs in its own French league, as shown by its 84-69 defeat in its last league game on Saturday to Chalons, a team which a week earlier had lost to Racing Paris by 22 points.

Maccabi, on the other hand, returns its nucleus for another season to battle the giants of Europe, although foreign player Buck Johnson is gone, as is Guy Goodes, who did not play at

all last season in the Euro League due to injury.

Also gone is head coach Zvi Sherf, who left to take the top post with PAOK Salonika and was replaced by Maccabi's first-ever European coach, Croatian Vinko Jelovac.

The main addition to the team is 23-year-old foreign center Rashard Griffith (2.11 meters), who played with Turkey's Tofas last season. His arrival means that Randy White, who at 2.03 meters often had to play in the EuroLeague against centers 10 centimeters taller than himself, can move to his more natural position of power forward and likely square off against smaller and weaker opponents.

A stronger White, who in any case led Maccabi in scoring (15.3) and rebounding (7.9) last season in the EuroLeague, would give the blue-and-yellow the formidable frontcourt needed to reach a higher level in Europe. One sign of worry, however, is that his knee has been giving him trouble.

White's move also means that Nadav Henefeld, who had surgery during the off-season, will switch to small forward, and his adjustment will be key to a successful season. Another key is the entire team's ability to step up its defense on a consistent basis.

Newcomers for Tel Aviv include 25-year-old Croatian Andre Zelinbaba, who played last season for Maccabi Netanya; and 24-year-old guard Baruch Shremban.

Maccabi takes a six-game home winning streak in Euro play into the contest - its last home defeat was last November at the hands of Limoges. Overall, Maccabi is 8-6 against Limoges in the championships, including a 4-3 record at Yad Eliahu.

Tonight's game will be broadcast live on Channel 1 starting at 20:50.

Maccabi Tel Aviv's schedule table with columns for date, time, opponent, and location.

How it works

The 24 clubs participating in the EuroLeague are divided into four groups of six teams. After each team faces the five other clubs in its group twice, all teams advance to the next stage, taking their records with them. The top three teams in each group form a bracket with the bottom three clubs from another group.

In the newly formed pools, each club plays the three new teams in its group twice (home and away). The results of those six games are combined with the results from the first 10 games, and the top four from each of the four groups advance to the Final-16.

In the Final-16, the format switches to a best-of-three mini-series, with the top team in one pool playing the fourth-placed team in another group and the second-placed teams playing the third-placed clubs in another group. The higher-placed teams have the home-court advantage.

The eight survivors of that round advance to the quarterfinals, which is also a best-of-three series.

Those victors move on to the Final Four, where the semifinals and finals are both one contest. The team which finishes last in each of the four second groups forfeits its country's slot in the EuroLeague the following season.

Those slots are taken by each country which has a team advance to the secondary EuroCup semifinals. A country is not allowed to have more than three teams in the EuroLeague.

Jerusalem debuts vs. Kinder-Bologna

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Hapoel Jerusalem makes its debut in the EuroLeague tonight, taking on Italy's Kinder Bologna at Malha (Sports Channel, 18:50), but coach Gadli Kedar has to be wondering whether the timing is right for his club's grand entry into the unforgiving European arena.

After all, Jerusalem has been blitzed twice already in the National League, not exactly the way Kedar expected his team to start the season, and certainly not the lead-in he had hoped for going into European play.

Things are unlikely to get better fast. True, Kinder comes off a loss in the Italian league this week itself, but the collection of talent available to coach Aura Messina is extremely impressive, and it will take an outstanding Jerusalem effort to make its EuroLeague debut a successful one.

Leading Kinder into Malha is former Miami Heat player Sasha Danielovic, who is back in Europe and is virtually unstoppable once he has his jump-shot going. Moti Daniel is likely to get the job of trying to stop Danielovic, but the former Maccabi Tel Aviv forward's European experience may not be enough to contain him.

French national squad playmaker Antoine Rigudo runs Kinder's offense, and is considered an outstanding floor general. European play veteran Zoran Savic is Kinder's center, and will be a fair test for Hapoel's newly acquired Radisav Curcic. Savic averaged over 17 points and almost eight rebounds a game in European play last year.

Coach Messina also has big man Augusto Binelli and guard Alessandro Abbio, another fine shooter, at his disposal.

Jerusalem's latest problems stem largely from a lack of perimeter shooting. That problem ought to be

answered by the return to the line-up of Adi Gordon, who sat out the two league losses as punishment for refusing to play for the national team under then coach Zvi Sherf.

Jerusalem, however, shouldn't have to rely on Gordon alone. Doron Shefa and Daniel need to find the range from outside, and it is equally important for H. Waldman to get more comfortable in the point-guard role.

Forward Kenny Williams lacks Billy Thompson's shooting touch, but has been tough on the boards. Williams has played in the Italian league himself in recent years, and that could be a plus tonight. As for Curcic, he must go into the game knowing Kinder's defense will be keying on him, as the first option in Hapoel's offense. Curcic needs to frequently whip the ball out to other players; and both he and Williams need to avoid foul trouble against the physical Italians, especially since reserve Jesse Rosenfeld is nursing an injury.

The Malha crowd, which will number close to 3,000, should be worth a few points, but against the creme de la creme of Italian basketball, that won't be enough. Jerusalem may be crossing the EuroLeague threshold tonight, but if their recent uninspired play continues, they may well become EuroLeague Group C doormats.

Hapoel Jerusalem's schedule table with columns for date, time, opponent, and location.

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Weekender Mighty Mira

Following her success as a ditsy blonde in 'Romy and Michele's High School Reunion,' Mira Sorvino is determined not to be typecast

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE

Ask Mira Sorvino a question, and you get an answer structured like latticework. There are footnotes, digressions, elaborations and qualifications.

She can sound like the polysyllabic Harvard graduate she is, but her spiraling responses can also resonate like a talmudic scholar who has been inside a Jesuit.

Sorvino earnestly talks about her new film *Mimic*, a science-fiction thriller in which she plays a scientist who eradicates an epidemic threatening children, then discovers the monstrous aftermath of the cure.

Coming off a ditsy role in her current movie *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Sorvino says she's not following any career plans in terms of what roles she plays.

"I'm always affected by my mood and what I have a taste for at that point. My decision-making process is instinctual rather than rational. It's not terribly tactical," says Sorvino.

"And people keep telling me that my choices are so unconventional. That's because I'm not following a plan," says the actress who won the 1995 supporting actress Academy Award for playing a squeaky-voiced hooker-porn performer in Woody Allen's *Mighty Aphrodite*.

There are goals but there isn't really a plan. I don't know what I want to achieve. If I wanted to hit a career level in terms of monetary success, then I guess it would be more like a business plan. I'd start off doing a domestic film that has widespread foreign appeal. Then I would work with such-and-such an actor because he'd sell the film based on his box office [track record]. I wouldn't be blamed if the film flopped because he's already got his own box office [record]. And if it flops, it's on his shoulders," she hypothesizes.

"But that's not the way I see my life. I'm trying to find challenges and ways to stretch myself as an artist. An actor," she says, correcting herself because she thinks "artist" sounds too pretentious.

Thus far in her career, Sorvino has shown the unpretentious heart of a character actor — one she inherited from actor father Paul Sorvino. The proud-papa tears he shed when she received her award stands as one of the all-time great moments of Oscar presentations.

After her first on-screen appearance in 1993's *Amongst Friends*, she played a spirited Catalan in Whit Stillman's *Barcelona*, a principled Jewish wife to Rob Morrow's congressional investigator in Robert Redford's *Quiz Show*, a flashy Brazilian in a BBC/PBS adaptation of Edith Wharton's *The Buccaneers*, and the wife of a New York City crack addict in *Sweet Nothing*.

Growing up in northern New Jersey, Sorvino always wanted to



Mira Sorvino (right, with Lisa Kudrow) pretends to be something she isn't in 'Romy and Michele's High School Reunion.'

become an actress, even though her father advised her against following in his footsteps. (She says his opposition might have made her desire even stronger — "you never know.") Only during the last two years of college, where she majored in East Asian languages and civilizations, did she abandon going to auditions and stop thinking about an acting career.

After graduating in 1990, she spent a year in China working on a thesis about anti-black bigotry

there. Then she moved to New York, where she worked as a waitress and as a reader winnowing through scripts for Robert De Niro's TriBeCa Productions.

Eventually, she snagged that breakthrough role. Now the question remains whether she's getting the kinds of roles she wants.

"There's always going to be a dearth of great material," she says.

Still, it sounds like she can't complain. Sorvino says she's been offered a lot of good things. Much

of them, however, are not what she wants to do at this time. For example, she won't do something "dark" after *Mimic*.

The three possibilities she is considering are dramas. Although she won her Oscar for a humorous performance and had done a muted comedy before that in *Barcelona*, Sorvino feels she's essentially not a comedic actress.

She did *Romy and Michele* because "there comes that sort of established seriousness that goes

hand in hand, it seems, with winning an Oscar. Sometimes people have an expectation of you: 'Now that you're an established actress, we're only going to see serious projects from you, right?' You know, the trouble-on-the-farm picture."

What might we expect if she were given her druthers? She would like to direct at some point, she says. And she plans to eventually work with her beau, director Quentin Tarantino. (AP)

Zoe lets her hair down

By AMY KLEIN

What's that elusive ingredient which makes or breaks a new club? It seems almost arbitrary. There's that initial stage when everyone seems to be holding back their opinion, waiting to see what everybody else thinks of the place. Unless you are everyone else. Then you dare to be the arbiter of cool.

Zoe, a new pub in Jerusalem's Talpiti neighborhood at 18 Ha'aman (across from the dance club Ha'uman 17, around the corner from the Rav Chen movie theater), is at that infancy stage. It opened less than a month ago and still has the eager air of a new place wanting to gain acceptance.

And it should: with a pool table (NIS 10 per game), a cool Demolition Man pinball machine (NIS 1 or 5 per game, free game at 146,000 points) and darts soon to come, Zoe has enough distractions to make even the most bland blind date seem like fun.

During the week, Zoe is a pub in the traditional sense: wooden tables and chairs, full drink menu (beer NIS 13-15) and bar-style food — sandwiches, salads, watermelon, and a delicious homemade pizza with mozzarella on phyllo dough (NIS 25, toppings NIS 5). Buy one drink, get one free.

But Zoe is not exactly your dark, English smoky pub. For one thing, it's quite large, with 20 tables downstairs and 10 upstairs (which can be reserved for private parties). The porch has some stools and a kitschy wooden settee swing.

Secondly, it's got zany decor: orange everywhere, on most of the walls (except the purple and yellow ones) and the pool table too. The artsy Keith Haring-like light fixtures juxtapose the more severe wooden stools, tables, and chairs, giving the place a funky feel. Eclectic music, no theme, covering the last four decades.

Zoe, the pub, lets her hair down every other Wednesday night and becomes Zoe, the club. They clear out the tables and crank up the music to that annoying-but-necessary party-level dancing beat. The party starts at 10:30, but really starts to happen around midnight. Some of the 25+ crowd dances, but many look like they wish the tables were back.

And they are, the next night. Thursdays and Saturdays are, of course, the most popular for Zoe, but not so much and crowded that you are screaming "What did you say?" the whole night. House music begins at 12:30 a.m. Although the tables remain, dancing in the white area is permissible.

If you're not looking for a crowd or if you're looking to discover a place before everyone else does, Zoe is great on weeknights for a boisterous private gathering or a late-afternoon. It opens at 8 and stays open till you leave (around 2 a.m., weeknights).

Whatever makes a place appealing, Zoe seems to have all the right ingredients: chic decor, tasty eats, and drinks galore.

All it needs is a stamp of approval from the *branja*, the clique that decides what's hot — and what's not.

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Movies on my mind

Ex-pop star and film-festival organizer Meir Fenigstein talks about his favorite Israeli films

Meir Fenigstein came to prominence as one of the musicians in the band Kaveret. Formed by a group of friends from the IDF's entertainment troupe, Kaveret was, according to Fenigstein, "The Beatles of Israel."



In the late 1970s, Fenigstein went to study at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and founded the Israel Film Festival. The 14th annual festival begins in November in Los Angeles and moves on for a repeat in New York in December, showcasing 50 Israeli feature films, documentaries and television shows. Here Fenigstein, 46, selects his favorite Israeli films.

1. *Avanti Popolo*
Director Rafi Bukacze's decade-old first production is "a very small film, but the script and the acting are phenomenal," says Fenigstein. "It's just something that carries you all the way. It's moving all the time."
2. *Beyond the Walls*
"It's a great film about the life of prisoners."
3. *The Troupe*
"This was made in 1978 and I love it because it's a little bit of my history. I acted in it and



Moshe Ivgy and Avigail Arieli in 'Lovesick on Nana Street'

4. *Lovesick on Nana Street*
"Moshe Ivgy did a great job and he had a great part. It's a sensitive movie."
5. *I Love You, Rosa*
"This is kind of an obvious one. Moshe Mizrahi made it and it was an Academy Award nominee."

Hot tips

By KAREN SULKIS

Tel Aviv

SAXOPHONIST Jorge Pardo closes out a week-long stand at Camelot tonight at 11. Rehov Shalom Aleichem 16. Call (03) 528-5222.

HAS this ever happened to you? You're minding your own business, strolling the aisles at Super-Sol, when suddenly and for no particular reason, you start belting out "So Long, Farewell" from The

Sound of Music, turning the different brands of schnitzel into little von Trapps and getting odd stares from Lazar Wolf behind the meat counter?

Well, you can sate your sweet tooth for show tunes tonight by heading over to the Tel Aviv University Amphitheater to see *Ladies and Gentlemen*. Sassi Keshet and Shlomit Aharon lead the cast of this all-Broadway program, which feature tunes from the Lloyd Webberian *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, as well as the aforementioned favorite, *The Sound of Music*. The show starts at 9.

THE Apropro in Tzahala presents an evening of jazz tonight with drummer Araleh Kaminsky, double bassist Eli Mergen and saxophonist Jesse Koren.

The restaurant is located at 1 Avner Street. Call (03) 648-7098.

YOU can catch Matti Golan's *Fog* tonight at the Eretz Yisrael Museum. The play starts at 8:30. Call (03) 643-6888.

ARAB Dream, a joint production of the Fringe Theater and the Acra Theater, explores how one man's dreams reflect his ZOA identity. Tonight at 10 at the ZOA House.

IT'S a furniture store! No, it's a happenin' pub with a roomy dance floor and a lovely patio! Wait! It's two interesting locations in one!

"It's Onyx, a fun and funky hot spot in the Noga Theater complex in Jaffa. Tonight the pub is the site of a birthday party for Late Night Tel Aviv co-mastermind Shira Skolnik. You have to pay for your drinks, but you don't have to pay to get in. Call (03) 683-5237 or (03) 528-7127.

RAFI Rothstein, Sigi Hezra and

Sarah Gilon perform *Raspberry Juice*, a show for children. The program begins at 5 p.m. today. At the Ramat Gan Theater.

EVER get the feeling that you're reliving the same episode over and over again? The ritualized aftermath of terrorist attacks has become frighteningly familiar. Same gruesome pictures, different faces and bodies torn apart. As the families and the nation mourn, so do the radio and television stations.

Groundhog Day had the bad luck of being a comedy scheduled to air on television the weekend after the disasters in Jerusalem and Lebanon. But you can catch the film tonight at 7 at the Cinematheque. Bill Murray stars as a man forced to relive the same day over and over until he gets it

right and becomes a better person. Despite its cutesy name, the movie actually manages to entertain and provides a satisfying finish.

Jerusalem

HAVING trouble telling Usenet from a URL? Tonight at 7:30, the AACI Computer Club hosts a lecture by computer maven Jacob Richman. Richman will discuss the new frontier known as the Internet. 6 Maneh Street.

YEHOASHUA Sobol's play *Honey* takes to the Jerusalem Theater stage tonight at 9. Nola Chilton directs.

And Points Beyond

YOUNG ESRA hosts a "Good-bye to Summer" picnic today at the Herzliya beach. Call (09) 955-6218 for info.

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Pocket science



Stuffed chicken breasts never fail to impress. Step-by-step instructions on how to master this not-so-tricky technique.

By JEANNE KELLEY

If you want to truly impress people, you need not buy an expensive car or flash your Mensa membership card. You might try a much tastier method: stuffing chicken breasts. People will definitely sit up and take notice, especially when they cut into the breast and discover a pocket filled with a wonderful blend of ingredients.

Although most people associate stuffed chicken breasts with fancy restaurants, they're not that difficult to prepare at home; all you really need are a sharp knife and a steady hand. Just follow the directions below, and take your time. With practice, your stuffed chicken breasts will look more and more professional, as if you were a master chef.

The recipes below include such sophisticated pairings as roasted peppers with capers, and crimini mushrooms with Madeira sauce. An advantage of stuffed chicken breasts is that you can do much of the preparation ahead of time. You can prepare the boned breast for stuffing, then refrigerate it until you are ready to stuff and cook it. Or go ahead and stuff the entire breast before refrigerating.

SHIITAKE STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH TERIYAKI GLAZE

2 tsp. dark sesame oil, divided
2 cups sliced shiitake mushroom caps
2 Tbsp. minced green onions
1 Tbsp. grated peeled fresh ginger
3 Tbsp. low-sodium teriyaki sauce, divided
4 skinned, boned chicken breast halves, about 100 gr. each
1/2 cup fresh orange juice
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 tsp. honey
sliced green onions (optional)

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, minced green onions and ginger; saute 3 min-

utes. Spoon into a small bowl and stir in 1 Tbsp. teriyaki sauce. Set aside.

Cut a horizontal slit through the thickest portion of each chicken breast half to form a pocket. Stuff about 1 1/2 Tbsp. mushroom mixture into each pocket.

Heat 1 tsp. oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; saute 6 minutes on each side or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from skillet. Set aside; keep warm.

Add 2 Tbsp. teriyaki sauce, orange rind, orange juice, sherry and honey to skillet. Bring to a boil. Cook for 2 minutes or until reduced to 1/4 cup.

Spoon orange glaze over chicken and garnish with sliced green onions, if desired. (Serves 4.)

CHICKEN BREASTS WITH CURRIED APPLE STUFFING

2 tsp. vegetable oil, divided
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
2 Tbsp. finely chopped celery
1 1/4 cup chopped peeled Granny Smith apples
1 1/2 tsp. curry powder, divided
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/2 tsp. minced garlic
300 gr. can low-salt chicken broth, divided
4 skinned, boned chicken breast halves, about 100 gr. each
1/4 cup apple juice
1 large garlic clove, minced
1 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. water

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery; saute 5 minutes or until tender. Add apples and 1 tsp. curry powder; saute 3 minutes or until apple is tender. Stir in raisins, 1/2 tsp. minced garlic and 1/4 cup broth; cook 4 minutes or until liquid almost evaporates. Spoon apple mixture into a small bowl; set aside.

Cut a horizontal slit through the thickest portion of each breast half to form a pocket. Stuff about 1/4 cup apple mixture into each pocket.

Heat 1 tsp. oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; saute 6 minutes on each side or

until done. Remove chicken from skillet; set aside.

Add 1/4 tsp. curry powder, remaining broth, apple juice and garlic to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook 5 minutes or until reduced to 1 cup. Combine cornstarch and water; stir well. Add to broth mixture in skillet; stir with a whisk. Bring to a boil; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Return chicken to skillet; cover and simmer 2 minutes or until heated. Serve sauce with chicken. (Serves 4.)

MUSHROOM-STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH MADEIRA SAUCE

Crimini mushrooms are dark brown and have a fuller flavor than button mushrooms.

1 tsp. olive oil, divided
2 cups diced crimini or button mushrooms
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 large garlic clove, minced
1/4 tsp. pepper
4 skinned, boned chicken breast halves, about 100 gr. each
4 slices Gouda or fontina cheese, 15 gr. (optional)
1/4 cup low-salt chicken broth
1/4 cup Madeira or dry sherry
1 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. water
4 small crimini or button mushrooms, halved (optional)
thyme sprigs (optional)

Heat 1/2 tsp. oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add diced mushrooms and garlic; saute 3 minutes. Stir in pepper, and set aside.

Cut a horizontal slit through the thickest portion of each breast half to form a pocket. Stuff 2 Tbsp. mushroom mixture and, if desired, 1 slice cheese into each pocket.

Heat 1/4 tsp. oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 6 minutes on each side or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from skillet. Set aside; keep warm.

Add broth and Madeira to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook 2 minutes or until reduced to 1/4 cup. Combine cornstarch and water; add to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Return chicken to skillet; cover and simmer 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve sauce with chicken. Garnish with mushrooms and thyme, if desired. (Serves 4.)

ROASTED PEPPER AND CAPER STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS

336 gr. bottle roasted red bell peppers, drained and finely chopped
2 Tbsp. capers
1/2 tsp. dried rosemary
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tsp. olive oil, divided
4 skinned, boned chicken breast halves, about 100 gr. each
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 Tbsp. minced shallots
1/4 cup dry white wine
300 gr. can low-salt chicken broth
chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Combine bell peppers, capers, rosemary, thyme, garlic and 1 tsp. oil in a small bowl; stir well.

Cut a horizontal slit through thickest portion of each breast half to form a pocket. Stuff about 1/4 cup bell pepper mixture into each pocket. Sprinkle salt and pepper over chicken.

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; saute 6 minutes on each side or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from skillet. Set aside; keep warm.

Add shallots to skillet, and saute 1 minute or until tender. Add wine and broth to skillet. Bring to a boil, and cook 5 minutes or until reduced to 1 cup.

Return chicken to skillet; cover and simmer 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve sauce with chicken. Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired. (Serves 4.) (Cooking Light)

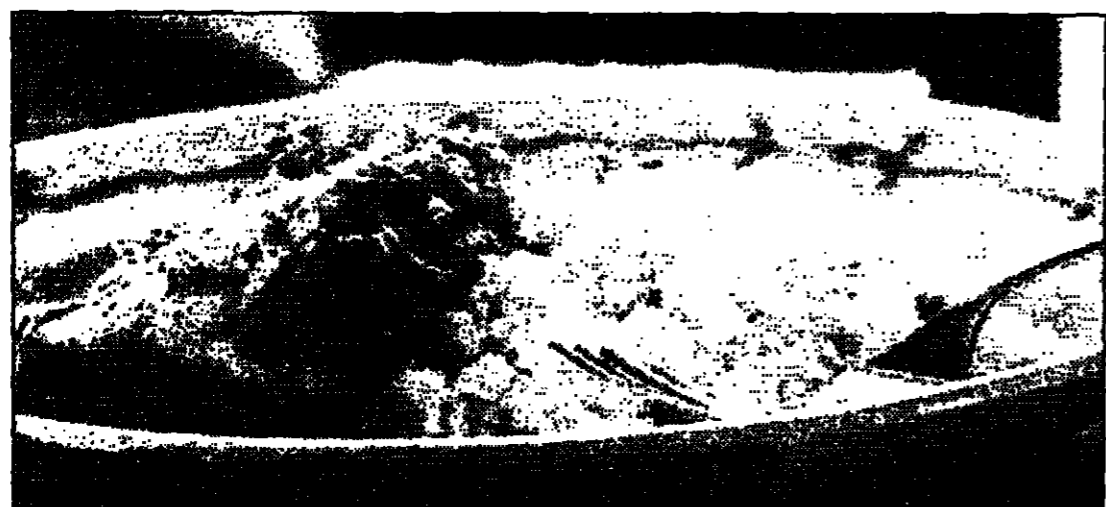
The art of Stuffing

1. Place chicken breast half on a cutting board. Trim all visible fat from chicken.

2. Insert tip of a thin, sharp knife (such as a boning knife) into thickest side of the chicken breast. Make a 5 cm. slit. Cut to, but not through, the opposite side of the breast.

3. Holding the knife blade parallel to the cutting board, guide the blade around the inside of the breast, creating a pocket. Be careful not to cut through the sides of the breast.

4. Using your fingers, stuff the breast, getting as much filling as you can into the pocket. —J.K.



Weekender Food & Drink

Fast food: Remember the main course

Steak, salmon and chicken go into these one-dish main-course salads, all of which can be prepared and on the table in less than 45 minutes. Add some bread and you have a complete meal.

STEAK AND BLACK-EYED PEA SALAD

336 gr. lean flank steak
1 Tbsp. spicy brown mustard
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. pepper
cooking spray
5 cups romaine lettuce
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup cucumber, sliced 1/2 cm. thick
1/2 cup onion, sliced and separated into rings
450 gr. can black-eyed peas or cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
1/4 cup fat-free Italian dressing

Preheat broiler. Trim fat from steak.

Combine mustard, garlic powder and pepper; spread over both sides of steak. Place steak on a broiler pan coated with cooking spray; cook 5 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness. Cut steak diagonally across grain into thin slices.

Combine steak, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, onion and peas in a bowl. Drizzle dressing over salad and toss well. (Serves 4.)

SALMON AND POTATO SALAD

This salad can be made ahead and served chilled.
2 Tbsp. water
1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 Tbsp. fat-free mayonnaise
1 Tbsp. capers
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 kg. skinned salmon fillet
8 small red potatoes, quartered
2 1 cm. thick onion slices
cooking spray
1/2 tsp. dried dill
1/2 cup minced celery

In a small bowl, combine water, lemon rind and juice, mayonnaise, capers and salt. Stir well; set aside. Sprinkle pepper over salmon. Place salmon, potatoes and onion slices in a vegetable steamer coated with cooking spray; sprinkle with dill. Steam, covered, 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Break salmon into chunks.

Combine salmon, potatoes, onion and celery in a large bowl. Add mayonnaise mixture; toss gently to coat. (Serves 4.)

WARM CHICKEN AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

3 Tbsp. water
2 Tbsp. white wine vinegar
1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. olive oil, divided
3 tsp. Dijon mustard, divided
1/2 tsp. coarsely ground pepper, divided
1/2 tsp. salt, divided

2 cups asparagus, sliced diagonally into 5 cm. lengths
1/2 kg. skinned, boned chicken breasts
1 tsp. olive oil
cooking spray
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
6 cups salad greens



In a bowl, combine water, vinegar, 1 Tbsp. oil, 1 tsp. mustard, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. salt. Stir well; set aside.

Steam asparagus, covered, 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Set aside. Brush remaining mustard over both sides of chicken and sprinkle with remaining salt and pepper. Cut chicken across the grain into thin slices. Over medium-high heat, heat remaining oil in a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray and add chicken and green onions. Sauté 6 minutes or until chicken is done.

Add vinegar mixture to skillet and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Arrange 1 1/2 cups salad greens on each of 4 plates; top each with 1/2 cup asparagus. Divide chicken mixture evenly among salads. (Serves 4.) (Cooking Light)



What will the '97 harvest bring?

By NOGA TARNOPOLSKY

The late, relatively warm winter of 1996 and the unusually mild summer we still are experiencing are the cause of some concern among Israeli wine makers. Gil Schatsberg, wine maker at Carmel's Zichron Ya'acov winery, says his growers are experiencing "a reasonable, healthy panic" over the possibility that the grapes' slower maturation will expose them to the scourges of mildew, rot and disintegration before they have ripened sufficiently to be plucked.

On the other hand, the spring-time low temperatures and the cool summer could augur a superior harvest of intense, concentrated flavors in whites—a bonanza for Israel, whose generally warm temperatures can result in grapes with relatively low acid levels, which sometimes makes for lifeless dissolute wine.

This is one of the latest harvests on record here—an average of two weeks behind schedule—while in Bordeaux they are experiencing the earliest harvest since 1893. Wine makers are hoping for a continued good rate of ripening, and the rains not coming before early November, when the harvest is expected to end. Although frost damage is unusual that early in winter, heavy autumn rainfall could cause grape clusters to disintegrate.

With about 5 percent of the grapes collected at two of the

state's major wineries, the question still remains if 1997 will be a banner year or a disaster. So far both Carmel and the Golan Heights wineries are seeing good basic data on the whites they have harvested—Chardonnay, Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc.

Vicor Schoenfeld from the Golan Heights winery remains optimistic about the season, with the caveat that "increased hang-time can result in better varietal character, but the danger is running into heavy fall rain."

The most incautiously sanguine wine maker this season is Tzora's Roni James, who said he feels "not optimistic [but] mid-air" about this year's harvest, which he predicts will be even better than last year's harvest, especially the Riesling.

Phyllis's Notebook There's more to magnesium

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

In our rush to get enough vitamin A, vitamin C and protein, many of us forget about the little mineral magnesium, and hardly any of us know which foods supply it. In recent years, however, research has shown that magnesium deficiencies can be a factor in major health problems, including high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease. Even premenstrual syndrome and chronic fatigue syndrome can be affected by magnesium intake.

Magnesium is found in many different kinds of foods, with the largest concentration in raw green leafy vegetables. You also can find it in almonds, cashews and other nuts, as well as in soybeans, sunflower and other seeds, whole grains and seafood. Magnesium tends to migrate into cooking water—so if you boil vegetables in large amounts of water, you are likely to throw out the baby with the bath water.

Like other vitamins and minerals, magnesium is best obtained from consumption of food rather than from multi-vitamin supplements. If you don't like eating green leafy vegetables raw, consuming them cooked (and preferably steamed) is better than not consuming them at all.

To meet your daily intake of this valuable mineral, choose from a variety of vegetables, beans and nuts: a cup of cooked spinach (157

mg.); a cup of cooked frozen lima beans (100 mg.); a cup of Swiss chard (150 mg.); 30 gr. of almonds (86 mg.); or a cup of cooked oatmeal (56 mg.).

NOODLES, SWISS CHARD AND CASHEWS

100 gr. rice or bean noodles
1 Tbsp. sesame oil
200 gr. Swiss chard
6 oyster mushrooms, well washed and cut into strips
1 carrot, unpeeled and cut into match sticks
1 small unpeeled zucchini, cut into match sticks
3 mushrooms, well washed and cut into strips
2-3 green onions, thinly sliced
4 Tbsp. safflower or canola oil
3 garlic cloves, crushed
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. light brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

Prepare the noodles by soaking for 2-3 minutes in boiling water, draining and mixing with the sesame oil.

Wash the Swiss chard well and rip the green part into pieces. Slice the center rib into thin strips. Steam with the water remaining on the leaves in a covered pot for 2 minutes or until just wilted.

Wash all the vegetables well and prepare as indicated. Remove the outer layer of the green onions before slicing. Mix together all the vegetables except the chard.

In a wok or large frying pan, heat the oil and stir fry the garlic

for a few seconds, add the vegetables and stir-fry till tender but crisp. Add the noodles, chard, soy sauce, sugar and salt and stir-fry 2 minutes. (Serves 4.)

SWISS CHARD AND POTATOES, INDIAN STYLE

500-700 gr. small potatoes
5 Tbsp. butter or a mixture of butter and oil or ghee
1 tsp. whole cumin seeds
1 tsp. black cumin or black mustard seeds
1/2 packed cups chard or spinach, coarsely cut
1 tsp. garam masala or curry powder (optional)
1/4 tsp. hot pepper or paprika
1/2 tsp. turmeric
1 tsp. salt
1 lemon or lime, quartered

Scrub the potatoes and cut in half before steaming in a small amount of water. Cook till tender but not overly soft. Drain, cool and cut into cubes without peeling.

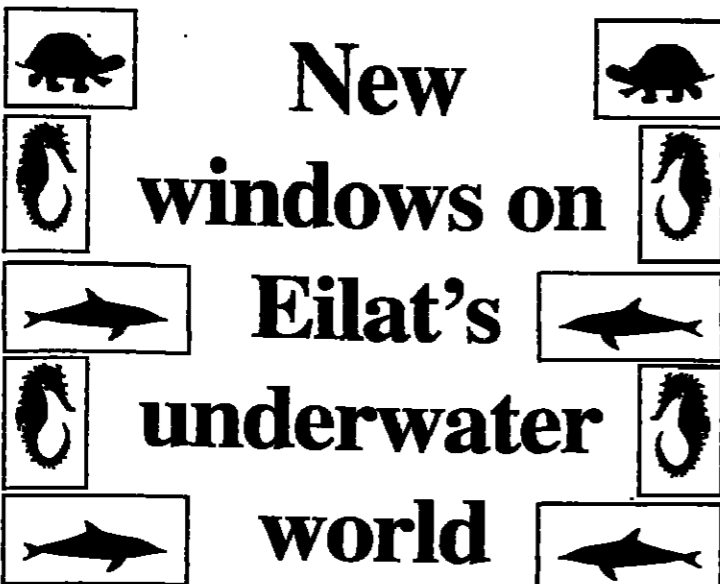
In a medium-sized pot, heat the butter and stir-fry the potatoes till golden. Remove potatoes to a slotted spoon and set aside. Add the cumin and black cumin to the pot and toast the spices together for a minute before adding a little water to form a past.

Add the potatoes, spinach and garam masala or curry powder and cook, covered, till the spinach is tender.

Serve with the lemon or lime quarters. (Serves 4-6.)

Day Tripper

By Haim Shapiro



I'm not sure which was more exciting, the high-speed flight through a narrow canyon or the descent into the core of the earth, but I was gripping the arms of my seat during both.

I embarked on this high-tech adventure at the Oceanarium, the newest addition to Eilat's Underwater Observatory complex. To be quite honest, the Oceanarium, though fun, is probably the least interesting of the observatory's attractions, but it is a way of overcoming the "been there, done that" syndrome for kids who think one visit anywhere is enough.

The innovations start at the entrance, where visitors are offered a free audio guide, together with a card showing the fish in full color. One can thus hear something about the particular fish viewed. This is particularly helpful in the underwater tower, where visitors can walk down to see the coral reefs and observe tropical fish in their own environment.

These days, there are two towers and two connected viewing chambers. The newer one, the first you enter at the bottom of the stairs, has large picture windows offering a wide view of the sea floor, the older one, with its smaller windows, is the perfect place for those who want to spend a longer time watching the fish.

I found the tower a far richer and more interesting experience than

the Yellow Submarine, which takes visitors along the reef. The most interesting aspect of this trip is the panorama of the steep wall of the reef as it descends into the underwater ravine which is part of the African-Syrian Rift. However - and in contrast to the tower - the view of the coral and of the fish is rather limited.

Perhaps the best part of the entire complex is also the least showy: the aquarium, where I could have spent hours gazing at the colorful varieties of fish. There may be larger aquariums elsewhere, but surely few can provide such intimate views of so many tropical fish.

Alongside the aquarium are the shark and turtle pools. The sharks have never hurt visitors, staff say, but two of the observatory's sharks have been killed by visitors. In fact, young visitors - who apparently believe they are demonstrating great bravery in attacking captive creatures - have been caught throwing stones into the pool; and one youth attacked a shark with a knife.

A far better form of release for those who feel the need to act out their fantasies is the Oceanarium, a theater with a large triple screen, seats that jerk, tilt and shake, and a wide variety of other special effects intended to make viewers feel they are riding through space, air and water.

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Close Encounters By Allan Rabinowitz

Hezekiah's Tunnel revisited

Standing in a rock-hewn tunnel with cold water above my knees, in pitch darkness beneath almost 50 meters of bedrock, I feel the wonder, power and drama of Jerusalem more than in almost any other spot. It's those chisel marks that do it, scored across the walls in parallel rows like miniature patches of furrowed fields, as sharp and fresh as they were when carved by King Hezekiah's men 2,700 years ago.

From Jerusalem, Hezekiah ruled his puny, scrubby kingdom of Judah under the shadow of the vast Assyrian empire. That empire had already built up the most advanced, specialized war-machine of its time. The Assyrians rolled over every opposing nation with the ruthless efficiency of a Nazi blitzkrieg. A glance at a map of the Near East in 700 BCE shows the Assyrian empire stretching from the Persian Gulf, up toward the Black Sea, penetrating along the Nile River in Egypt.

But a closer look at that map will show a small circle around Jerusalem which, though surrounded by the Assyrian empire, was not engulfed by it. Though Assyria had earlier destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel, King Hezekiah, after much worry and prayer, accepted the assurance of Isaiah, the major prophet of the day, that the God of Israel would protect Jerusalem and scatter the army of Emperor Sennacherib. He withheld the kingdom's tribute to the emperor, and Judah stood alone, bracing itself for the impending onslaught.

And that onslaught came. In a document uncovered in Nineveh, Sennacherib boasts of conquering 46 walled Judean cities with his battering rams, siege engines and sappers. And Hezekiah himself, "...like a caged bird I shut up in Jerusalem, his royal city..."

Hezekiah's position was indeed precarious. But he had taken specific defensive measures. He reinforced and expanded the city walls and crevices; others, that they were avoiding the royal tombs of the House of David. Still others say that the engineers had to constantly recalculate and readjust, as the stone-cutters made mistakes. Several false starts can in fact be seen along the way.

When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem, he planned with his officers and his mighty men to stop the water of

the springs that were outside the city... this same Hezekiah closed the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them down to the west side of the City of David." To stand at the mouth of the Gihon spring, in the Kidron Valley by the village of Silwan, is to stand at the origins of Jerusalem, literally in the footsteps of history, where Solomon was anointed king, and where the Jebusites possibly carved the water system through which David's men penetrated the city.

Here, where the life-blood of Jerusalem was produced, Hezekiah rallied his people to undertake an incredibly ambitious, massive, risky project. Its goal was to channel the Gihon Spring waters from the Kidron Valley, through the bedrock

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under the hillside of the City of David, into a pool that lay within Jerusalem's walls, and out of the reach of the Assyrians.

The tunnel, discovered in 1838 by the American biblical scholar Edward Robinson, can be walked through today from end to end, and tells the story of its own drama. It snakes through the bedrock for 520 meters well over 30 meters below the surface of the hill.

Why such a serpentine course? Some scholars say the workers followed a natural system of faults and crevices; others, that they were avoiding the royal tombs of the House of David. Still others say that the engineers had to constantly recalculate and readjust, as the stone-cutters made mistakes. Several false starts can in fact be seen along the way.

As we pick our way along the tunnel, which is hardly wide

enough for more than one or two diggers, we can easily imagine the communal effort involved. The work must have continued on an almost 24-hour basis, for this was a civil defense project of immense proportions and vital importance.

We can also imagine, when we enter the tightly coiling middle section, the frustration, tension and excitement as the two teams approached and heard each other through the rock, repeatedly readjusting their course. But we need hardly fan our imaginations. For near the southern end of the tunnel, an anonymous reporter inscribed in the bedrock the moment of breakthrough, in one of the earliest Hebrew inscriptions ever found (and now located, unfortunately, in the Istanbul Archeological Museum): "...and this is the story of the piercing through," it reads, recording the tunnel's measurements, and that moment when "the stone-cutters struck through, each to meet his fellow, axe against axe. Then ran the water from the spring to the pool..." And the workers wept, shouted, embraced and praised God as the waters flowed and the word spread throughout the apprehensive city.

After a drop in visitors due to fear of stone-throwing from Silwan, more groups have recently been visiting the tunnel. Both ends are watched.

Enter the tunnel from the spring end. There is a small entrance fee. Go before or after the rainy season, when the water is lower and warmer. Flashlights are preferable to candles, which add to the soot and can be snuffed out by wind. Allow yourself 45 minutes to an hour, wear shorts or pants you can roll up, and footwear that can get soaked. From the exit you can walk back up the hill to the Dung Gate parking lot.

Walk through this tunnel. Run your hands across the chisel marks. Stoop through the narrow entrance that hard-driven workers stooped through 2,700 years ago to save Jerusalem from the Assyrians, and you will sense the ancient drama which unfolded here, with an immediacy few places can convey.

Allan Rabinowitz is a licensed tour guide.

Bridge

Remember the Edgar Kaplan

BY MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North	
♠	KJ762
♥	1043
♦	5
♣	A973
West	
♠	94
♥	AJ2
♦	A1096
♣	KJ105
East	
♠	3
♥	K9865
♦	8432
♣	Q82

South	
♠	AQ1085
♥	Q7
♦	KQJ7
♣	64

South	West	North	East
1♠	double	4♣	(all pass)

Opening lead: ♠4

Edgar Kaplan, editor of *The Bridge World* magazine, died at the age of 72, September 6, in his New York City townhouse.

Kaplan had been an active bridge player and writer until the end, despite a long battle with cancer. I met him most recently at this year's World Bridge Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece.

Kaplan is known to most bridge players through the bidding system he developed with Alfred Sheinwald, called "K-S." Almost every ambitious player has subscribed to *The Bridge World*, the magazine he edited since 1967. Kaplan's specialty was his poignant articles on the major team championships. A player for 50 years, he won countless events, especially with partner Norman Kay of Philadelphia. Kaplan was instrumental in setting the highest standards of rules and laws for judicial bridge hearings and for codifying and updating the rules of the game. He also served as chief commentator for VuGraph at national and international tournaments.

Most importantly, Kaplan was the quintessential gentleman at the table and away from it. He never yelled at his partner and rarely got upset. He spoke quietly and modestly but with great wit and humor. And he encouraged many young players, including me, with his sound bridge advice and exemplary comportment.

I first met Kaplan when I was 20 years old. He invited me to his weekly team games at his home and office on West 94th Street. There I

was privileged to meet his wife, Betty, and many legendary players. The most significant lesson I learned from these meetings was that to be a popular and successful player you have to remain calm and polite. Manners are as important as ability.

This week's deal is from these team games. Kaplan was sitting South and opened the bidding one spade. West made a takeout double and North jumped to four spades. This bid stopped East from showing his heart suit and kept West in the dark about his partner's hand. Not wanting to give anything away at trick one, West led a trump and Kaplan surveyed the dummy.

Prospects were poor. Kaplan had two sure heart losers, one diamond and one club. The only hope, it seemed, was if the ace of diamonds was with East.

Then a low diamond lead from dummy would force East to win the ace, setting up the king-queen-jack for discards of three small clubs from dummy. But this was not a realistic chance, considering West's takeout double. West was almost certain to hold the ace of diamonds, because he didn't hold the ace-king of hearts; otherwise, he would have led a top heart.

Most declarers would shrug their shoulders and try the diamond play anyway.

But Kaplan reasoned that if he led a diamond to an honor, West would win and almost certainly see the danger of dummy's hearts going away on South's diamonds. West would win the diamond ace and shift to a heart.

Therefore, Kaplan tried to lull his opponent into a false sense of security. He won the opening lead in dummy and led the five of diamonds.

But when East played the 4, Kaplan played the 7! West won the trick with the nine and was convinced that his partner held a diamond honor or two, and, rather than open up the heart suit, he continued "safely" with a second trump. Disaster for the defense! Kaplan won in hand and led the king of diamonds, ruffing out West's ace. Another trump to hand allowed Kaplan to discard two of dummy's hearts on the queen and jack of diamonds. In the end, Kaplan lost only one heart trick, one diamond and one club, to make his contract.

Kaplan had no children; his wife died years ago. But he leaves behind a vast number of wonderful articles and a legacy of how to be a winner and a warm human being at the same time.

Chess

England's triumph

By NIGEL SHORT

Apologies for the slight delay, but because of heavy playing commitments, this is my first opportunity to write about England's magnificent triumph in the European Team Championship in Pula, Croatia.

It was the only time in the history of the event that Russia/the former Soviet Union failed to capture the gold medal. Their team was depleted with Garry Kasparov unavoidably absent in New York facing Deeper Blue. However, not all their squad's weakness can be blamed on bad luck. For example, according to the Russian team members, Alexander Khalifman — a strong grand master who would easily qualify on merit — has been expunged from all lists of candidate players since incurring the ire of Garry's mother in Manila 1992. If true, it would be unfortunate.

All five of the English team contributed to our success, but once again the star performance was from Matthew Sadler, who started with five straight victories on fourth board. He will doubtless be promoted for his efforts. Indeed, little now separates any of the top three players.

The following game is a good example of how to beat a fairly competent but slightly inferior player with the black pieces, a tricky task at the best of times.

White: San Segundo
Black: Sadler
Pula, 1997

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4. Matthew is one of the world's leading experts on the Queen's Gambit Accepted. 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 c6 5. Bxc4 c5 6. 0-0 a6 7. Bd3 b6 8. Qc2 Bb7 9. Rd1 Nhd7 10. Nbd2 Be7. White's handling of the opening is distinctly vegetarian. The advantage of the first move has already evaporated. 11. b3 0-0 12. Bb3 Qb8 removing the queen from the d-file where she was uncomfortably situated opposite the white rook. The development of the a8 rook remains black's only problem. 13. Racl Re8 14. Bb1 cxd4 15. Rxe8+ Qxc8 16.

Nxd4 b5 17. e4 Nf8. In this tedious position, black's main difficulty is to create some tension. The knight is now heading for g6, where he hopes to provoke the move g3 which will weaken the long diagonal a8-h1. 18. N4f3 Qc7 19. a3 Rd8 20. b4 Ng6 21. g3. The first concession. However, black does not have anything like a sizable advantage and needs to coax further weaknesses before any action can be undertaken. 21...Ba8 22. Re1 Qb7 23. Re1 Ne8 24. Nb3 Nd6 25. Nfd2 Qb6 26. b4 h6 27. Bd4 Qb8 28. h5 Nf8 29. Qg4 Ne8. Sadler's play has cunningly given the impression that he has completely lost the thread of the position. Watching, I could see Pablo San Segundo become visibly optimistic about his attacking prospects when actually he should simply maintain his structure.

Black: (Sadler)



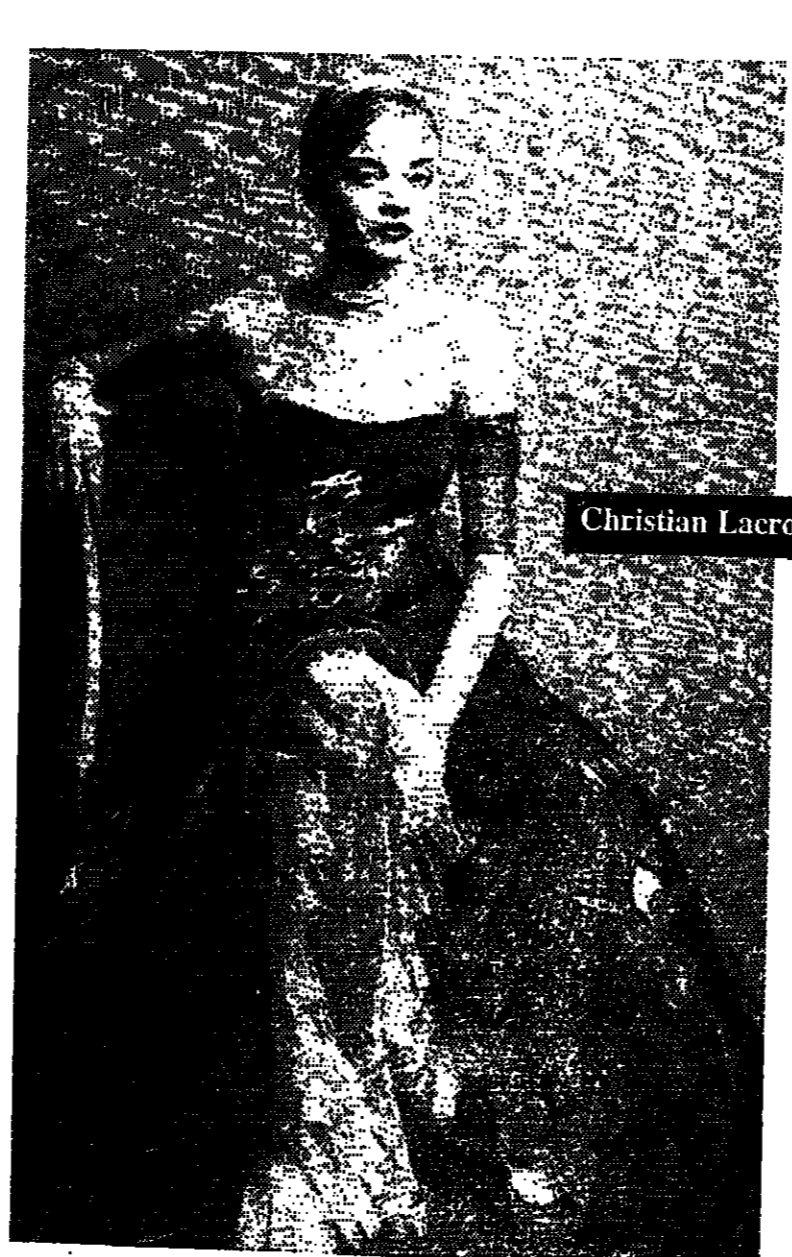
White: (San Segundo) to play

30. e5? Allowing the a8 bishop to become a monster. White was hypnotized by his (non-existent) mating prospects 30...Nh7 31. Ne4 Qb7! Calling a halt to the white activity 32. f3 Qd5 33. Ne2 Ng5 34. Kg2 a5! A powerful breakthrough further undermining the hanging white central pieces. 35. bxa5 Bxa3 36. Re3 Bb4 37. Rd3 Qc6. Short of time, the Spaniard commits a fatal blunder but life was difficult in any case. 38. Bb6?? Rxd3 39. Bxd3 Bxd2. On noticing that 40. Nxd2 Qc3! would cost a piece, white resigned.

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Christian Lacroix



Christian Lacroix

Weekender Leisure



Christian Lacroix

Shock Value

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

It takes a lot of courage and a lot of money to wear Christian Lacroix, but he's certainly the designer of choice for the woman who wants to stand out in a crowd. He's also a designer who can be admired even by women who are not daring enough to wear his creations themselves.

This was clearly evident at the sumptuous 10th anniversary showing of his fall/winter collection at the Tel Aviv Hilton last week. It's rare for any designer to be applauded for almost every garment. It's a shame that the personable and witty Lacroix was not there in the flesh to lap up the accolades.

While most designers are concentrating on classic silhouettes in shades of earth and stone, Lacroix makes liberal use of a rainbow palette and an ethnic panorama. Some of his clothes look like period or regional paintings come to life. One gets the feeling that en route to the drawing board, he encountered a caravan of Spanish gypsies.

Although one can always rely on Lacroix to infuse his collections with hot fuchsia pink — his signature color — everything else comes as a delightful surprise.

His tweedy suits have a patchwork weave of pinks and yellows, blues and purples, with occasional flashes of gold. His inspiration comes from many muses. One moment he's in a flapper mood, tassels and all, and the next he is transported to the drama of the opera, with a magnificently flowing gold full-length coat with an enormous hood which gives the face an air of mystique. Then, suddenly, his temperament switches to flamenco, then to art deco. And then, to prove he can be businesslike if necessary, Lacroix produces a superbly structured classic suit, perfect for almost any occasion. It may be topped with a satin-finished trench coat that exudes both a military and a feminine look.

Lacroix's attention to detail is awesome. He plays light-and-shadow games with metallics, color and fabric, using velvets, silks, organzas and taffetas to their full potential. The whole effect is sheer art.

While women of any age and most shapes can wear Lacroix, the same cannot be said of local fashion house Castro, which caters mainly to the young. Judging from the first showing of its new collection, Castro is courting on an anorexic clientele. Any woman who is just the tiniest bit *caftig* will have trouble finding garments that fit.

Castro claims that it's producing what is most suitable for the typical Israeli woman. But since many Israeli women are full figured, it seems unlikely they would favor the body-hugging silhouettes that dominate the collection. Most would find it difficult to wriggle into the skimpy mini-length pinnafores which promise to be the rage this winter. Ditto to the narrow-cut jackets and tight hipster pants.

Salvation might come in the dress section, where the selection, though attractive, is rather limited.

Castro and Lacroix are very far removed from each other except in one area. Castro, too, is none too keen on drab colors and is opting for brick, bordeaux, every possible shade of green, turquoise, mustard and warm



Castro



browns in velveteens, crepes, silk and satin-finish synthetics.

The lines are generally simple. The fashion statements are made more by print and color combinations in which occasional "shock" elements are employed.

Castro is at its best with its rich offering of knitwear in multiple textures and hues, which are all warm and inviting.

